ANNUAL REPORT

Free Public Library,

ST. JOSEPH, MO.

1890-91.

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY,

ST. JOSEPH, MO.,

FOR THE

Year Ending April 30th, 1891.

Published by the Library.

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FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

ST. JOSEPH, MO.

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Term expires June 1st, 1892.

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G. C. HULL.
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Term expires June 1st, 1893.

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STANDING COMMITTEES.

Library.—Directors FOOTE, BITTINGER and HULL.
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Buildings and Grounds —Directors NEWBURGER, HULL and GETCHELL.
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LIBRARY SERVICE.

Librarian, H. J. CARR.
Assistants, LULU C. SENTER, CORNELIA L. RATHBUN,
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FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF ST. JOSEPH, MO.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

The Board of Directors of the Free Public Library of St. Joseph respectfully submit their first annual report for the library year ending April 30, 1891.

The report of the Librarian, with its appendix, gives in considerable detail the history of the internal working of the library, and is a proper supplement to this annual summary. Reference is also made to "Exhibit A," accompanying this report, which is substantiated by affidavit as required by law.

Although a Public Library law similar to that of Illinois was enacted in Missouri in 1885, no library was established under its provisions, so far as known, until 1889, when the one at Hannibal was organized.

The Free Public Library of St. Joseph came next in point of time, having been established in 1890.

In response to an adequate petition of tax-payers, an ordinance passed the Council providing for a vote, at the annual election in April following, *for* or *against* the raising of a yearly tax of 3-10 mill on the dollar for the maintenance of a public library.

The vote cast upon that question was returned at 5,722 in favor, and 947 against. The vote, however, was even larger than this, as in some precincts there was a misunderstanding of the working of the new election laws, and quite a number of votes were not properly canvassed and returned.

Following such action on the part of the municipality, a Board of Directors, nine in number, was appointed by the Mayor, and subsequently qualified as required by law.

After some negotiation, the books and furniture of the St. Joseph Public Library Association were generously donated to the new institution, and duly accepted by the latter, and made the nucleus of the Free Public Library.

The Board of Directors very soon felt the need of an experienced librarian and at once bent their efforts to secure one.

In October he came here and at once began the important work of preparing the rooms and books for public use. This proved to be a labor involving a great deal of detail and work; and, as it was coupled with the training of inexperienced assistants, delayed the opening of the library till late in the winter.

The reading room was opened February 9, 1891, with some fifty-three different periodicals on its tables. The circulating department began issuing books for home use March 16, 1891.

Some 3,276 volumes were received from the Library Association; 2,234 were added by gift and purchase, up to the time covered by this report. We had, therefore, by the first of May, 1891, 5,510 bound volumes; of which 576 are reserved for reference, or use in the library only, leaving 4,934 volumes subject to loan for home use.

Practically the work done this year has been largely of a preliminary character; its record being that of putting the library on a sound working basis and providing the appliances for its smooth running in future, rather than of a large increase in the number of books.

We are not, however, ashamed of our record for the year now closed, and believe that another year will see a systematic building up of this department and a wider usefulness attained.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. FOOTE, *President.*

H. G. GETCHELL, *Secretary.*

EXHIBIT A.

Financial and statistical statement of the Free Public Library of St. Joseph, Mo., for the year ending April 30, 1891, as required by Sec. 7 of the Library Law.

RECEIPTS.

Warrants drawn by City Auditor, per vouchers issued by the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library, viz.:—

To April 20, 1891	$4,977 75	
In May, 1891	572 29	$5,550 04

EXPENDITURES.

For Books	$1,744 57	
Periodicals	243 10	
Binding	59 10	
Furniture	739 25	
Repairs	19 67	
Insurance	78 00	
Heating and lighting	80 75	
Rent	560 50	
Miscellaneous	67 51	
Express and postage	40 66	
Stationery and printing	295 68	
Library working cash fund	100 00	
Salaries	1,521 25	$5,550 04

REVENUE FROM OTHER SOURCES.

From library fines, April, 1891		$6 46
Expended as follows :—		
For Envelopes and stamps	$2 46	
Change in cash drawer	4 00	$6 46

STATISTICS.

Number of bound volumes received by donation from the St. Joseph Public Library Association, as foundation for the Free Public Library	3,276
Number of volumes added by purchase	1,856
Number of volumes added by gift	378
Total on hand April 30, 1891	5,510

Number of books unaccounted for, *none.*

GENERAL CHARACTER OF THE COLLECTION.

No. of vols.,	Arts and sciences	386	
	Biography	324	
	History	336	
	Travels	229	
	Literature	625	
	Fiction	3,029	
	Reference, (general)	155	
	Bound magazines	193	
	Bound newspapers	36	
	Public documents	197	5,510

Number of volumes issued for home use:—

In March, 1891, (14 days)	2,390
April, 1891, (26 days)	5,488
Number of borrower's library cards in force, April 30, 1891	1,546

STATE OF MISSOURI, }
COUNTY OF BUCHANAN. }

I, H. J. Carr, Librarian of the Free Public Library of St. Joseph, do solemnly swear that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. J. CARR, *Librarian.*

Sworn and subscribed to before me, this 22d day of May, A. D., 1891.

WILLIAM A. JORDAN,
[NOTARIAL SEAL.] Notary Public for Buchanan County.
Commission expires June 30, 1891.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the President and Board of Directors of the Free Public Library of St. Joseph:

The librarian presents herewith his report for the fractional year covered by the first annual library report; his actual incumbency dating from October 16, 1890.

The quarters then engaged for the library needed to be enlarged, renovated and suitably arranged before other work could be commenced. For that purpose the cases and books received from the former St. Joseph Public Library Association as a foundation gift had to be removed, the books stored for a time, and all moved back again as the rooms were fitted for use.

Such work, owing to certain unavoidable delays, was not fairly out of the way until well into December; at which time was begun the cataloging of such books as were on hand, while steps were taken towards the purchase of new works and providing needed furniture for the public portion of the rooms in addition to that already supplied.

Annoying delays also occurred in respect to the satisfactory manufacture of the furniture, so that it was not feasible to open the reading and reference room until in February, 1891.

Following which, the circulating department was opened for public service March 16, 1891, issue of borrowers' library cards having begun a week earlier.

For the fourteen days of March, 2,390 volumes were issued, and in April (twenty-six days) 5,488 volumes, for home reading; 1,546 borrowers' cards were in force at the close of April, and 1,223 volumes in the hands of readers on that date.

Reading Room.

The reading room has been well patronized from the outset. The hours were from 10 A. M. to 10 P. M., week days, during February and March; after which they were made from 9 A. M. to 9 P. M., the limited evening use not warranting later opening.

In twenty days of February, 601 readers were tallied; an average of thirty per day, including Sunday afternoons. In March there were 1,448 readers, averaging fifty per day for week days, and twenty-seven on Sundays; or, forty-seven per day for the entire month. Since March no actual count has been kept, except as to Sunday use, but the readers average fully fifty a day, even during the pleasant days of spring and early summer with their out of door attractions.

Sunday Use.

Use of the reading room, on Sunday (hours from 2 to 6 P. M.), has been fairly active, yet not at all notable; the visitors by actual count having averaged twenty-two per afternoon. Since it is not a very serious task for the librarian and assistants, each to share in turn the supervisory attendance required, and practically no additional expense for light, heat or rent is entailed, such Sunday afternoon opening of that one department seems to be warrantable. It is believed that appreciation and use of its opportunities will be more marked upon the recurrence of the winter months.

Gifts.

The history of this institution for the first year is largely one of gifts. At its beginning was the munificent one from the "St. Joseph Public Library" of all the books and furniture of that association. Some 3,276 volumes were thus received, which, with the furniture (so far as it was of service), represented at a close valuation fully $3,300 to $3,500; and the donation became of immediate aid as a nucleus for the Free Public Library.

The library received subsequently a notable gift of some 315 volumes from Mrs. Elizabeth Wilkinson, nearly one-half of the same being most valuable material for the reference library in the shape of bound volumes of magazines.

Later, Major John L. Bittinger, of this Board, presented thirty-three volumes of bound newspapers, together with many volumes and separate numbers of unbound magazines.

Capt. F. M. Posegate, presented three bound volumes of newspapers of marked historic value; including a complete file of "Adventure" and "Weekly Commercial," successive names of the first newspaper published at St. Joseph, dating from May 5, 1848, to April 21, 1851.

In addition, the library has been the recipient of especial favors from many other libraries, in the matter of their catalogues and files of annual reports, and the like.

A full list of donors is given in an appendix to this report.

Finding List.

The need of a printed finding list of the books in the library for the use of borrowers has been much felt; and the measures taken with a view to having a simple and inexpensive form of such supplied early in the coming months will, it is hoped, bear good fruit.

Contents of the Library.

At the close of its first official year (April 30, 1891), the library had an aggregate of 5,510 bound volumes, in addition to various quantities of magazines and miscellaneous pamphlets which await binding. The division and source of the former are shown more particularly in the accompanying tabular statement.

Contents of the Library.		Circulating Department.	Reference Library. General	Magazines	Newspapers	Pub. Docs
Nucleus of the Library received from the "St. Joseph Public Library," (3,276), viz..—		2,991	61	39		185
Added to April 30, 1891, (2,234), as follows.:—		1,938	94	154	36	12
By new purchase	1,856					
By gifts	378					
Aggregate	5,510					

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. CARR, *Librarian*

DONORS AND DONATIONS, 1890-91.

	Vols.	Pamphlets.
Arnold, Geo. U., Bristol, R. I.	..	1
Baltimore, (Md.) Enoch Pratt Free Library	1	2
" " New Mercantile Library	..	2
Bittinger, Major John L., St. Joseph (16 maps)	34	630
Bridgeport, (Conn.) Public Library and Reading Room	..	3
Bristol, (R. I.) Rogers Free Library	..	3
Brookline, (Mass.) Public Library	..	1
Brooklyn, (N. Y.) Free Circ. Library, (Un. for Ch. Work)	..	1
" " Library	..	9
Buffalo, (N. Y.) Library	1	21
Burlington, (Vt.) Fletcher Free Library	1	17
Chicago, (Ills.) Newberry Library	..	4
" " Public Library	..	22
Christian Science Association, St. Joseph	1	...
Cleveland, (Ohio) Public Library	1	2
Cockrell, Hon. F. M. (U. S. S.) Warrensburgh, Mo	..	20
Concord, (N. H.) Public Library	..	8
Council Bluffs, (Iowa) Free Public Library	..	6
Dayton, (Ohio) Public Library	1	2
Dover, (N. H.) Public Library	..	1
Grand Rapids, (Mich.) Public School Library	..	4
Griffis, Rev. Wm. Elliott, Boston, Mass	1	...
Kalamazoo, (Mich.) Public Library	1	...
Kansas City, (Mo.) Public Library	1	1
Lancaster, (Mass.) Town Library	2	1
Lawrence, (Mass.) Free Public Library	..	21
Leeds, (England) Public Free Library	..	33
Lynn, (Mass.) Free Public Library	1	22
Manchester, (N. H.) City Library	..	1
Massachusetts State Library, Boston	1	8

	Vols.	Pamphlets
Milwaukee, (Wis.) Public Library	..	31
Minneapolis, (Minn.) Public Library	..	12
Newark, (N. J.) Free Public Library	1	15
Newburger, B., St. Joseph	2	...
New Haven, (Conn.) Free Public Library	..	10
Newton, (Mass.) Free Library	1	5
New York (N. Y.) Mercantile Library	..	12
" " Y. M. C. A. Library	..	1
Omaha, (Neb.) Public Library	1	...
" " Daily Bee (Daily issues.)	..	...
Philadelphia, (Pa.) Library Company	..	11
" " Mercantile Library	2	37
Posegate, Capt. F. M., St. Joseph	3	...
Providence, (R. I.) Public Library	..	8
Rauch, Dr. John H., Sec. State B'rd Health, Springfield, Ill.	1	11
St. Joseph Ballot, St. Joseph (16 Maps.)	..	...
St. Joseph, (Mo.) City Comptroller	1	...
" " Medical Herald (Monthly issues.)	..	...
St. Louis, (Mo.) Mercantile Library	..	1
" " Public Library	..	10
St. Paul, (Minn) Public Library	..	5
Salem, (Mass.) Public Library	1	5
San Francisco, (Cal.) Free Public Library	1	2
Schwab, Dr. Isaac, *Rabbi*, St. Joseph	..	2
Springfield, (Mass.) City Library Association	..	55
Taunton, (Mass.) Public Library	3	34
Toledo, (Ohio) Public Library	1	...
Topeka, (Kans.) Free Public Library	..	4
Toronto, (Ont.) Public Library	2	8
Tuttle, Rt. Rev. D. S., St. Louis, Mo.	1	...
Tyler Desk Co., St. Louis, Mo.	..	1
United States, Interior Department	8	...
Watertown, (Mass.) Free Public Library	1	28
Wilkes Barre, (Pa.) Osterhout Free Library	1	...
Wilkinson, Mrs. Elizabeth, St. Joseph	315	...
Woburn, (Mass.) Public Library	..	1
Worcester, (Mass.) Free Public Library	2	34

STATE LIBRARY LAW.

An Act Relating to Libraries in Cities, Villages, Towns and Townships.

Be it Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section 1. When one hundred tax-paying voters of any incorporated city, shall petition the proper authorities, asking that an annual tax be levied for the establishment and maintenance of a free public library in such incorporated city, and shall specify in their petition a rate of taxation, not to exceed one mill on the dollar annually, and in cities of over one hundred thousand inhabitants, not to exceed one-fifth of a mill annually, on all the taxable property in the city; such officers shall in the next legal notice of the regular annual election in such incorporated city, give notice that at such election every voter may vote "for a—mill tax for a free public library" or "against a—mill tax for a free public library," specifying in such notice the rate of taxation mentioned in said petition; and if the majority of all the votes cast in such incorporated city shall be "for the tax for a free public library," the tax specified in such notice shall be levied and collected in like manner with other general taxes of said incorporated city, and shall be known as the "library fund;" provided that such tax shall cease in case the legal voters of any such incorporated city shall so determine, by a majority vote, at any annual election held therein.

Sec. 2. [Directors.]—When any incorporated city shall have decided to establish and maintain a public library and reading room under this act, the Mayor of such city shall, with the approval of the legislative branch of the municipal government, proceed to appoint a board of nine directors for the same, chosen from the citizens at large, with reference to their fitness for such office; and no member of the municipal government shall be a member of said board.

Sec. 3. [Term of Office—Removal.]—Said directors shall hold office one-third for one year, one-third for two years and one-third for three years, from the first of June following their appointment, and at

their first regular meeting shall cast lots for their respective terms; and annually thereafter, the Mayor shall, before the first of June of each year, appoint, as before, three directors, who shall hold office for three years and until their successors are appointed. The Mayor may, by and with the consent of the legislative branch of the municipal government, remove any director for misconduct or neglect of duty.

SEC. 4. [Vacancies—Compensation.]—Vacancies in the Board of Directors, occasioned by removals, resignation or otherwise, shall be reported to the City Council, and be filled in like manner as original appointments, and no director shall receive compensation as such.

SEC. 5. [Organization—Powers of Directors—Funds.]—Said directors shall, immediately after appointment, meet and organize by the election of one of their number President, and by the election of such other officers as they may deem necessary. They shall make and adopt such by-laws, rules and regulations for their own guidance, and for the government of the library and reading room, as may be expedient, not inconsistent with this act. They shall have the exclusive control of the expenditure of all moneys collected to the credit of the library fund, and of the construction of any library building, and of the supervision, care and custody of the grounds, rooms or buildings constructed, leased or set apart for that purpose; provided, that all money received for such library shall be deposited in the treasury of said city or village to the credit of the library fund, and shall be kept separate and apart from other money of such city or village, and drawn upon by the proper officers of said city or village, upon the properly authenticated vouchers of the library board. Said board shall have power to purchase or lease grounds, to occupy, lease or erect an appropriate building or buildings for the use of the said library; shall have power to appoint a suitable librarian, and necessary assistants, and fix their compensation, and shall have power to remove such appointees; and shall, in general, carry out the spirit and intent of this act, in establishing and maintaining a public library and reading room.

SEC. 6. [Who may use Library.]—Every library and reading room established under this act shall be forever free to the use of the inhabitants of the city where located, always subject to much reasonable rules and regulations as the library board may adopt in order to render the use of said library and reading room of the greatest benefit to the greatest number; and said board may exclude from the use of said library and reading room any and all persons who shall willfully violate such rules; and said board may extend the privileges and use of

such library and reading room to persons residing outside of such city in this State, upon such terms and conditions as said board may, from time to time, by its regulations, prescribe.

SEC. 7. [Annual Report.]—The said board of directors shall make, on or before the second Monday in June, an annual report to the City Council, stating the condition of their trust on the first day of May of that year, the various sums of money received from the library fund and from other sources, and how such moneys have been expended and for what purposes; the number of books and periodicals on hand, the number added by purchase, gift or otherwise, during the year; the number and general character and kind of such books, with such other statistics, information and suggestions as they may deem of general interest. All such portions of said report as relate to the receipt and expenditure of money, as well as the number of books on hand, books lost or missing, and books purchased, shall be verified by affidavit.

SEC. 8. The City Council of said city or village shall have power to pass ordinances imposing suitable penalties for the punishment of persons committing injury upon such library or the grounds, or other property thereof, and for injury to or failure to return any book belonging to such library.

SEC. 9. [Donations.]—Any person desiring to make donations of money, personal property or real estate for the benefit of such library, shall have the right to vest the title to the money or real estate so donated in the board of directors created under this act, to be held and controlled by such board, when accepted according to the terms of the deed, gift, devise or bequest of such property; and as to such property the said board shall be held and considered to be special trustees.

SEC. 10. When fifty legal voters of any incorporated village or township shall petition the proper authorities, asking that an annual tax may be levied for the establishment and maintenance of a free public library in such village or township, and shall specify in their petition, a rate of taxation not to exceed two mills on the dollar, such officers shall, in the next legal notice of the regular annual election in such village or township, give notice that at such election every voter may vote "for a—mill tax for a free public library," or "against a—mill tax for a free public library," specifying in such notice the rate of taxation mentioned in said petition; and if the majority of all the votes cast in such village or township shall be "for the tax for a free public library," the tax specified in such notice shall be levied and collected in like manner with other general taxes of said village or township, and shall be known as the "*library fund*;" provided, that such tax shall

cease in case the legal voters of any such village or township shall so determine, by a majority vote, at any annual election held therein, and the corporate authorities of such villages or townships may exercise the same powers conferred upon the corporate authorities of cities under this act.

SEC. 11. At the next regular election, after any town, village or township shall have voted to establish a free public library, there shall be elected a library board of six directors, one-third for one year, one-third for two years, and one-third for three years; and annually thereafter there shall be elected two directors, who shall hold their office for three years, and until their successors are elected and qualified, which board shall have the same powers as by this act are conferred upon the board of directors of free public libraries in cities.

Approved April 10, 1885.

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H. [illegible]

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ANNA [illegible]

MATTIE [illegible]

DAVID [illegible]

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Board of Directors Free Public Library:

GENTLEMEN:—At the close of the year, April 30, 1898, the library contained 9,713 volumes, as follows:

Circulating Department	7,812
Reference	708
Government	1,193
Total	9,713

There have been withdrawn during the year 110 books, as follows:

Worn Out	95
Lost and Paid for	12
Missing	3
Total	110

Sixteen hundred and ninety-two books have been added as follows:

By Donations	75
By Serials Bound	125
By Purchase	1,497
	1,692

Books which have been classified as follows:

Philosophy, Religion, Sociology, Science	167
General Literature, Poetry and Drama	14[illegible]
Fiction [illegible]	4
Biography	11
History	14
Belles Lettres	1[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	8[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
Total	1,6[illegible]

[illegible] has been open every day during the year with the exception of [illegible] days. The total number of books [illegible] 9,713, a monthly average of [illegible], and a daily average of 30[illegible]. [illegible] books in [illegible] given in Appendix [illegible].

[illegible] of other libraries may be of interest. [illegible] Jersey City Free Public Library: "The circulation for [illegible] two volumes to each inhabitant, [illegible] library in the United States. The [illegible] at Minneapolis, Minn., where [illegible] with 1.5 and Detroit with [illegible] each." The rate for [illegible] inhabitant, [illegible] from the figures given.

[illegible] of volumes in the library to the total circu[illegible] although the test may not be a fair one, as our numb[illegible]

Treasurer's report shows

Balance April 30, 92			$ 143 10
Received from Secretary and Librarian			302 50
Balance on hand April 30, 1893			$ 445 60
Mar. 1, 1892, Balance in Treasurer's hands	$ 5 58		
Received from Fine	300 10		
Extra Volumes	5 20		
Catalogues sold	78 26		
Books Lost and Paid for	1 20		
Damaged Books, Interest on bonds and all other Receipts	32 36		
	$ 422 13	$ 445 73	
Deposited with Secretary as Treasurer	$ 302 50		
Vouchers for bills contracted yet payable by City	87 22		
Incidentals March 1893	12 90		
Incidentals April 1893	19 82		
	$ 422 14	422 14	
May 1, 1893, Balance on hand		$ 31 99	

One hundred and twenty-five volumes of magazines have been bound, and eight hundred and four books repaired at an expense of $456 75. This number is very large, but reflects no credit upon the management of the Library.

A classified list of the books in the reading department was published October 1, 1892, consisting of a single copy of each book under its proper class. Since this publication over a thousand books have been added to this department, and it will soon be necessary to issue a supplement.

The *Library* [illegible] has been issued monthly independently of the Library by Mrs. L. O. Weekley, [illegible] and furnishes the Library with [illegible] for distribution [illegible]. A list of the new books is also printed in the *Daily News* each week.

The [illegible] supplied to the daily papers, twenty-four weeklies, two semi-monthlies and thirty-five monthlies, a list of which is given in Appendix B. The [illegible] this department [illegible].

[illegible] made in the hours of the circulating [illegible]. The hour for opening was changed [illegible] of the library open at 9 [illegible] and reference departments [illegible].

[illegible] and the Library is a [illegible] particularly those of the High [illegible] the pupils [illegible] the Library to a very large extent. As [illegible] delivery [illegible] reference [illegible] filled with pupils, eager to [illegible] teachers [illegible] look up subjects given them for [illegible]. The [illegible] in the [illegible] High School is of [illegible] the teachers have [illegible] with the Librarian [illegible] furnished him with lists of [illegible] being [illegible]. In the latter case each

APPENDIX A—CIRCULATION.

[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	Total	Per Cent
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	510	[illegible]	[illegible]	234	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	291	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	161	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	226	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Largest Day, February 11, 1893 612

Smallest Day, December 7, 1892 102

APPENDIX B [illegible]

APPENDIX C. PERIODICALS TAKEN BY LIBRARY.

QUARTERLIES	No. Copies	BI-MONTHLIES	No. Copies
Quarterly Register of Current History	[illegible]	Revue des Deux Mondes	1
		[illegible] World	1
MONTHLIES			
		WEEKLIES	
American [illegible]			
Atlantic [illegible]	1	Bohemian Voice, Gift of Pub.	1
[illegible]	[illegible]	Forest and Stream	1
Arena	1	Frank Leslie's	1
Chautauquan [illegible]		Harper's Bazar	1
[illegible]		Harper's Young People	1
[illegible] and Builder	[illegible]	Harper's Weekly	1
Century	[illegible]	Illustrated American	1
[illegible]	[illegible]	Illustrated London News	1
[illegible]	[illegible]	Journal of Education	1
Educational [illegible]	[illegible]	Jewish Messenger, Gift of Pub.	1
[illegible]	[illegible]	Judge	1
Forum	[illegible]	[illegible]	1
Good [illegible]	2	[illegible]	1
[illegible]	1	[illegible] Living Age	1
Harper's [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1
Library Journal	[illegible]	[illegible]	1
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1
Lippincott's	[illegible]	[illegible]	1
McClure's Magazine	1	[illegible]	1
New England [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1
North American Review	[illegible]	[illegible]	1
Outing	1	[illegible]	1
Overland Monthly	[illegible]		
Popular Science Monthly	2	[illegible]	
Review of Reviews	[illegible]		
St. Nicholas	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Scribner's		[illegible]	[illegible]
Short Stories	[illegible]		
Teacher's [illegible]			
Wide Awake	1		

REPORT OF DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

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REPORT OF DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

A [illegible] of the [illegible] books in the circulating department of the Library was issued during [illegible] and has been placed on sale at a nominal price of ten cents per copy. The [illegible] was employed for this [illegible]. The Circulating List (it hardly deserves the name of catalogue) was prepared to be very [illegible] correct, and, with supplements, will serve the Library for some time.

The books of the Library and its records are in excellent condition, and all new books are now received, catalogued and placed on the shelves without delay.

It gives us pleasure to speak a word of approval of the Assistant Librarians. They [illegible] their duties, are prompt and obliging [illegible] and that [illegible] to help the reader and student. Each year of [illegible] the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

E. F. NEELY,
C. M. SHULTZ,
H. NEWBURGER,
Committee on Administration.

REPORT OF PUBLIC FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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Finance Committee.

REPORT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

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FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Board of Directors

OF THE

Free Public Library.

ST. JOSEPH, MO.

MISSOURI PUBLISHING CO.
St. Joseph, Mo.,
1894.

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Respectfully Submitted,

E. B. NEELY,
C. M. SHULTZ,
[illegible] NEWBURGER,
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[illegible] FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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OFFICERS:

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SECRETARY.....H. L. ELMENDORF.

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DR. BARTON PITTS.

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E. B. NEELY.
G. W. HENDLEY.

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JOHN DeCLUE.
B. NEWBURGER.
W. H. GORDON.

H. L. ELMENDORF.....LIBRARIAN.
LULU C. SENTER.....ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.

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KALLIOPE RITNER.

TO THE HONORABLE, THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAINT JOSEPH

GENTLEMEN:—I hand you herewith the Fourth Annual Report of the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library, including the report of the Librarian and the different standing committees. Statistics of the use and growth of the Library and of receipts and expenditures, will be found in the Librarian's report.

The past year has been the most prosperous in the history of the Library, and I take pleasure in reporting every department in excellent order and condition.

Respectfully submitted for the Board of Directors,

H. L. FOOTE.

STATE OF MISSOURI, }
COUNTY OF BUCHANAN, } ss

Before me, J. C. Hedenberg, a Notary Public, in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared H. L. Foote, President of the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library, and made oath that the figures in the Librarian's Annual Report relating to receipts and expenditures, contents of Library, and books added, are correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Given under my hand and seal, this 24th day of May, 1894.

J. C. HEDENBERG,
Notary Public.

My commission expires November 13th, 1897.

HE BOARD OF DIRECTROS OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.—GENTLEMEN:—
herewith the Fourth Annual Report of the Librarian, and the second I have had
r of presenting. The last annual report showed the Library to contain 9,713
. During the year there have been added 2188 volumes, as follows:

Donations	105
United States Government	525
Serials bound	198
Purchased	1,360
	2,188

ee hundred and eighty-nine books have been withdrawn, as follows:

Worn out	281
Duplicates returned to U. S. Government	88
Lost and paid for	18
Missing	2
	389

the net increase for the year, 1,799.

Library now contains 11,512 volumes, divided as follows:

Reference Department	863
Government Department	1,630
Circulating Department	9,019
	11,512

oks added are classified as follows:

Philosophy, Religion, Arts and Sciences	141
General Literature, Poetry and Drama	81
Travel and Description	55
Biography	66
History	130
Serials bound	198
German	134
General works in Reference Department	53
Fiction and Juveniles	805
Government Publications	525
	2,188

rty-five volumes in raised character for the blind have been purchased. There
to be between twenty and thirty blind people in our city, and we have the names

of thirteen who can read and will avail themselves of this department of the Library. It will be possible to speak more certainly of the success of this venture in the next report, as the department was only opened in April.

The circulating department has been open every day during the year, with the exception of Sundays and holidays, a total of 305 days. 100,924 volumes have been drawn for home use, an increase of 8,211 over the circulation of the previous year. The monthly average has been 8,410, and the daily average 331. Particulars of circulation, and classification of books drawn are given in Appendix A.

With the large increase in circulation, the percentages show that while fiction forms a very large part of the reading of the public, the proportion of more solid works, instead of diminishing, has slightly increased. The most popular books have been "The Prince of India," of which we have ten copies, and "The Heavenly Twins," of which we have eight copies.

There has been a marked increase in the attendance in our reference rooms. No statistics can be given, as the books and shelves are, as heretofore, open to the public without restriction. One of the most attractive and useful features of this department is the bound magazines, made available by Poole's Index and its continuations. Large additions have been made to our files this year, and persistent efforts will be made to complete them. Our Government Department has had a thorough overhauling, and the books have all been checked and arranged by the "List of Congressional Documents," prepared by J. G. Ames, Superintendent of Documents, Department of the Interior. A list of the publications wanted has been sent to the department, and the deficiencies are being supplied as fast as possible.

Our reading rooms are supplied with 1 quarterly, 27 monthlies, 1 semi-monthly, 17 weeklies and 2 dailies, a list of which is given in Appendix B.

The circulation is very large in proportion to the number of books in the Library, and the wear and tear from actual use has been enormous, it has been necessary to have 774 books rebound. Books damaged by accident or carelessness have been charged for and in most cases the damages cheerfully paid by the borrower. It has been necessary to call on guarantors in four cases to make good loss of books, and in each instance the amount has been promptly paid.

Receipts and expenditures for the year have been as follows:

Balance in the City Treasury May 1, 1893		$ 850 98
Deposited by Librarian		96 22
City Appropriation		6,926 91
Salaries, Librarian and Assistants	$3,583 86	
Janitor	240 00	
Catalogue	42 50	
Stationery and Printing	85 80	
Postage	10 00	
Miscellaneous	129 65	
Rent	600 00	
Light and Heat	192 95	
Insurance	97 55	
Repairs	23 50	
Furniture	278 55	
Binding	564 40	
Books and Periodicals	1 631 43	
Balance in City Treasury	392 82	
	$7,874 11	$7,874 11

The Treasurer's Report shows:

Balance on hand, May 1, 1893	$ 445 60	
Received from Librarian	375 00	
Interest on account	35 16	
	$ 855 76	
May 1, 1893, balance in Librarian's hands	$ 31 99	
Received from City Treasurer for incidentals	96 22	
Received from fine collections	271 90	
Received from catalogues sold	71 10	
Received from extra volumes	8 25	
Received from rents	118 00	
Received from books lost and paid for	18 90	
Received from security deposits	15 00	
Miscellaneous	19 55	
Deposited with City Treasurer		$ 96 22
Deposited with Treasurer		375 00
Incidental expenses		144 35
Security deposits returned		15 00
Books reported lost, returned		3 25
May 1, 1894, balance on hand		17 09
	$ 650 91	$ 650 91

In October, 1893, a supplement to the Finding List was issued, containing about 1,200 titles, and forming, with the Finding List, a complete, single entry, author catalogue of the circulating department. It will be necessary to publish another supplement during the present year.

The card catalogue furnishes a complete index to the Library with author, title and subject entries.

The "Library Record," published each month by Mr. W. M. Shirley, prints a list of the new books added, and furnishes 1,500 copies for gratuitous distribution at the delivery counter. This is without expense to the Board, and the Library is responsible for none of the contents of the paper, with the exception of the book list. The "Daily News" also prints a list of new books, with numbers, every two weeks.

The value of the Library as a part of the educational system of the city has greatly increased. One hundred and six of the teachers in the Public Schools have cards in the Library, and many have testified to the benefit they have derived from it. The following letter from the Principal of the High School is made part of this report to give some idea of the intimate relations existing between the High School and the Library:

MR. H. L. ELMENDORF, LIBRARIAN, PUBLIC LIBRARY.—DEAR SIR.—In reply to your inquiry regarding the extent to which the pupils of the High School have availed themselves of the advantages afforded by the Public Library, I would say that both teachers and pupils are under the greatest obligation to yourself and to your corps of assistants for aiding them in their studies and researches by placing at their disposal all the resources of the Library. In several instances, when it has been necessary for the members of an entire class or division to consult the same books of references, the Board of Directors has facilitated their labors by providing as many as six or eight copies of the same work.

Not the least among our obligations I consider your kindness in delivering several interesting and instructive lectures on literary and historical subjects.

One of the most tangible and clearly observed results of your co-operation with the teachers of the school is to be seen in the fact that the students are reading a better class of books. Standard works of literature have almost entirely replaced the trivial and trashy works of fiction, in which immature minds sometimes indulge.

Again thanking you for past courtesies, and congratulating you for the progress of the Library under your management, I am Yours truly,

(Signed) C. E. MILLER.

Two hundred and sixty-four pupils in the High School have Library tickets, and the teachers are allowed all the books they need.

Our shelves and case room are becoming very much crowded, and it will soon be necessary to make some alterations in our Delivery and Reference rooms, to accommodate the increasing number of both books and visitors. Our Reference and Reading rooms are still without the supervision they should have, but it is hoped that the proposed changes in arrangement will bring the Reference Department under the constant care of an assistant, without increasing the force.

With commendation to the staff for faithful and efficient services, and thanks to the Board for sympathy and support, of which I trust I shall merit a continuance,

Respectfully submitted, H. L. ELMENDORF, Librarian.

APPENDIX A—CIRCULATION.

Classes.	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	Total	Per Cent
Philosophy, Religion, Arts, Sciences	198	169	210	258	201	221	226	230	313	320	363	313	3,022	.030
General Literature, Poetry, Drama	272	158	187	210	189	201	228	265	355	318	378	329	3,090	.031
Travel	159	116	123	164	130	126	155	193	213	200	194	141	1,914	.019
Biography	144	83	69	83	100	128	151	142	165	165	204	149	1,583	.016
History	150	106	91	118	113	200	186	182	233	326	320	176	2,201	.022
Serials	277	166	202	241	244	276	277	292	343	306	342	291	3,257	.032
German	162	121	131	151	149	175	215	245	287	302	317	270	2 525	.025
Fiction and Juveniles	6,656	6,428	6,442	7,267	5,955	5,794	6,383	6,927	7,674	7,748	8,640	7,418	83,332	.825
Total	8,018	7,347	7,455	8,492	7,081	7,121	7,821	8,476	9,583	9,685	10,758	9,087	100,924	1.000
Days Library Open	26	26	24	27	25	26	25	25	26	23	27	25	305	—

Monthly Average, 8,410.

Daily Average, 331.

Largest Circulation in one day, February 10, 1894, 737.

Smallest Circulation in one day, September 4, 1893, 131.

APPENDIX B.

LIST OF PERIODICALS TAKEN BY THE LIBRARY.

QUARTERLY.

1 Current History.

MONTHLIES.

1 Arena.
1 American Teacher.
1 Art Interchange.
3 Atlantic Monthly.
1 Blackwood's.
5 Century.
5 Cosmopolitan.
2 Current Literature.
1 Educational Review
2 Forum.
1 Goldthwaite's Geographical Magazine.
1 Good Housekeeping.
5 Harper's.
1 Ladies' Home Journal.
1 Library Journal.
3 Lippincott's.
1 Macmillan's.
2 New England.
2 North American Review.
1 Outing.
1 Overland.
2 Popular Science Monthly.
2 Review of Reviews.
3 St. Nicholas.
5 Scribner's.
1 Der Techniker. (Gift of Publisher).

SEMI-MONTHLIES.

1 Revue des Deux Mondes.

WEEKLIES.

1 Frank Leslie's.
1 Harper's Bazar.
1 Harper's Weekly.
1 Harper's Young People.
1 Illustrated American.
1 Illustrated London News.
1 Journal of Commerce. (Gift of Pub.)
1 Journal of Education.
1 Judge.
1 Life.
1 Littell's Living Age.
1 The Nation.
1 Perris New Era. (Gift of Pub.)
1 Publisher's Weekly.
1 Puck.
1 School Journal.
1 Scientific American.
1 Scientific American Supplement.
1 Youth's Companion.

DAILIES.

1 Omaha Bee. (Gift of Pub.)
2 St. Joseph Daily News. (Gift of Pub.)

APPENDIX C.

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY.

DONOR.	LOCATION.	Vol.	Pam.
American Printing House for the Blind	Louisville, Ky		1
Apprentices' Library	Philadelphia, Pa		2
Boston Public Library	Boston, Mass		2
Broadhurst, Prof. C. N	Independence, Mo	2	
Brooklyn Library	Brooklyn, N. Y		1
Chicago Public Library	Chicago, Ills		8
Christ Church Parish	St. Joseph, Mo	1	
City Library Association	Springfield, Mass		1
Civil Service Reform Association	New York City, N. Y		1
Dayton Public Library	Dayton, O		1
Detroit Public Library	Detroit, Mich		1
Eldridge, D	Boston, Mass		1
Enoch Pratt Free Library	Baltimore, Md		1
Fletcher Free Library	Burlington, Vt		1
Free Public Library	Council Bluffs, Ia		2
Free Public Library	Lawrence, Mass		5
Free Public Library	Jersey City, N. J		1
Free Public Library	New Haven, Conn		1
Free Public Library	Patterson, N J		1
Foote, Rev. H. L.	St. Joseph, Mo		8
Grand Rapids Public Schools	Grand Rapids, Mich		1
Harvard University	Cambridge, Mass		1
Iowa State Library	Des Moines, Ia	1	
Indian Rights Association	Philadelphia, Pa		6
Joseph Lodge, I. O. B. B	St. Joseph, Mo	8	
Library Association	Portland, Ore		2
Library Company	Philadelphia, Pa		1
Los Angeles Public Library	Los Angeles, Cal		4
Mercantile Library	New York City, N. Y:		2
Mercantile Library	Philadelphia. Pa		3
Merriman, E. H	St. Joseph, Mo	2	
Milwaukee Public Library	Milwaukee, Wis		5
Minneapolis Public Library	Minneapolis, Minn		1
Missouri State Geolcgical Survey	Jefferson City, Mo	3	4
Missouri Secrtary of State	Jefferson City, Mo	1	
Newton Free Library	Newton, Mass		2
Offner, Jules E	St. Joseph, Mo	1	
Omaha Public Library	Omaha, Neb		1
Peabody Institute	Danvers, Mass		1
Perry, Annie M	St. Joseph, Mo	1	
Pollard, J Percival	Chicago, Ills	1	
Public Library	Cleveland, O		
PublicLibrary	Taunton, Mass		2
Schwab, Dr. Isaac		56	2
Scranton Public Library	Scranton, Pa		1
St.Louis Mercantile Library Association	St. Louis, Mo		1
St. Louis Public Library	St. Louis, Mo		1
St. Joseph Public Schools	St. Joseph, Mo		1
Salem Public Library	Salem, Mass		1
Toronto Public Library	Toronto, Canada		1
Turner, Miss Annie	St. Joseph, Mo	1	1
Warren Co. Public Library	Monmouth, Ills		2
Weakley, Mrs. L. O	St Joseph, Mo	32	
United States Government	Washington, D. C	525	30
Y. M. C. A. Training School	Chicago, Ills		1

Der Techniker, Philadelphia, Pa., one copy monthly paper.
Fiegenbaum, Miss Mary, St. Joseph, Mo., a large number of unbound magazines for the blind
Motter, Mrs. W. D. B., St. Joseph, Mo., a large number of unbound magazines.
Omaha Bee, Omaha, Neb., one copy daily paper.
Perris New Era, Perris, Cal , one copy weekly paper.
St Joseph Daily News, St Joseph, Mo., two copies daily paper.
St. Joseph Journal of Commerce, one copy weekly paper.

TO THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY;

GENTLEMEN—The twelfth article of your by-laws makes it the duty of the Committee on Administration to submit at the regular meeting of the Board in May of each year a report as to matters under their supervision.

Your committee would, therefore, beg leave to report briefly as follows:

The Librarian and his assistants have discharged their respective duties with fidelity and promptness; the patrons of the Library, although their numbers have been largely increased, have been waited upon promptly and courteously; the students of the High School and of other schools have been afforded special privileges in the selection and use of books, and every effort has been put forth to make the Library of the greatest service possible to the public at large. Your Committee would further report that they have made a special and thorough examination of the Library. They have examined each case and its contents separately, and the arrangements for the circulation of the books and periodicals. The cases and books are in good condition, the books being in as good a state of preservation as their constant use will permit, and the arrangements for the circulation of the books and periodicals are those adopted and in use in the best modern libraries.

Your Committee would report that Mrs. Mattie Foote, one of the assistant librarians, tendered her resignation on the 20th of last February, and at a meeting of the Board held February 22d, Mr. Erle H. Merriman, a sub-assistant, was promoted to the position of regular assistant, and Miss Kalliope Ritner was made sub-assistant.

Respectfully submitted,

E. B. NEELY,
C. M. SHULTZ,
B. NEWBURGER,
Administration Committee.

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY:

GENTLEMEN—The Committee on Building and Grounds respectfully reports that they have furnished nine oak and three pine cases, and the continual growth of the Library will require more very soon.

We are greatly indebted to the Park Commissioners for an appropriation of plants, which enabled us to beautify the grounds.

We have received $10.00 a month in rents, thus reducing the monthly rental of the Library to $40.00.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN DECLUE,
B. NEWBURGER,
G. W. HENDLEY.

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY:

GENTLEMEN—Your Committee on Finance respectfully reports that they have examined the books of the Librarian and Acting Secretary, and find them to be correcct. The receipts and expenditures for the year will be found in the Librarian's report.

GEO. C. HULL,
JOHN DECLUE,
Finance Committee.

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY:

GENTLEMEN—The Committee on Library has carefully examined and approved the lists of books prepared monthly by the Librarian for purchase. Statistics of the growth and use of the Library will be found in the Librarian's report.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. FOOTE,
GEO. C. HULL,
Library Committee.

ANNUAL REPORT TREASURER FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, ST. JOSEPH, MO.

ST. JOSEPH, MO., April 30. 1894.

Balance as per last report	$445 00
Received from Librarian	375 00
Interest on account	35 16
Balance	$855 76

GEO. C. HULL, Treasurer.

Fifth Annual Report

of the

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Free Public Library

Saint Joseph, Missouri.

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FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

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May 1, 1895.

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SECRETARY ..... H. L. ELMENDORF

DIRECTORS:

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

To the Honorable, The Common Council of the City of Saint Joseph :

GENTLEMEN : It becomes my duty to submit to you the fifth annual report of the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library, including the report of the Librarian and the several standing committees.

The library year just closed has been one of great prosperity, and it gives me pleasure to report that the library is steadily increasing in usefulness and popularity. For a detailed account of its condition and operations, I refer you to the accompanying report of the librarian.

The library has experienced a great loss in the resignation and removal from the city of its President, Rev. Henry L. Foote. Mr. Foote was President of the Library Board from its organization until the date of his resignation, January 3rd, 1895. Very much of its efficiency and usefulness is due to his wise and able administration of its affairs. Possessed of great executive ability, liberal and progressive in his views and deeply interested in the success and prosperity of the Public Library, he devoted to it willingly and cheerfully a large portion of his time. His name and memory will be held in high honor for his public-spirited and noble work in promoting the interests of the Free Public Library of Saint Joseph.

Respectfully submitted for the Board of Directors.

E. B. NEELY,
Acting President.

STATE OF MISSOURI }
COUNTY OF BUCHANAN } ss.

Before me, Edward S. Douglas, a Notary Public in and for the County aforesaid, personally appeared E. B. Neely, Acting President of the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library of Saint Joseph, Missouri, and made oath that the facts and figures in the Librarian's Annual Report relating to receipts and expenditures, contents of Library and books added are correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Given under my hand and seal this 22nd day of May, 1895.

EDWARD S. DOUGLAS,
Notary Public.

[SEAL]

My commission expires Oct. 16, 1896.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:

GENTLEMEN :—I submit the [illegible] annual report of the Librarian, and the thi— that I have presented.

May 1, 1895, the library contained 12,859 volumes, divided as follows:

Reference Department	1,031
Government Department	1,770
Circulating Department	10,058
	12,859

During the year 1,551 books were [illegible] as follows:

Donations	55
Serials bound	136
U. S. Government	140
Purchased	1,220
	1,551

204 volumes were withdrawn, [illegible]

Lost and paid for	15
Worn out	177
Missing	12
	204

The net increase was 1,34[illegible]

Books added are classified [illegible]

Philosophy, Religion, Arts and Scie[illegible]	94
Literature, Poetry and Drama	99
Travel	16
Biography	35
History	141
Bound Magazines	136
German	101
General Works in Reference Department	42
Fiction and Juveniles	747
Government Publications	140
	1,551

Receipts and expenditures for th[illegible] have been as follows:

Balance in the City Treasurer, May [illegible]		$ 392 82
City Appropriation		6,788 97
Salaries, Librarian and Assistants	$ 3,695 00	
Janitor	240 00	
Stationery and Printing	118 79	
Supplement to Catalogue	30 00	
Postage and Express	16 50	
Miscellaneous	117 30	
Heating	176 10	
Insurance	101 20	
Rent	600 00	
Repairs	38 80	
Binding	458 25	
Furniture	118 45	
Books and Periodicals	1,432 76	
Balance in the City Treasury May 1, 1895	35 64	
	$ 7,181 79	$ 7,181 79

Treasurer's Report shows:

Balance as per last report	$ 855 76	
Received from the Librarian	400 00	
Interest on account	51 49	
Balance on hand	$ 1,307 25	

May 1, 1894, Balance in Librarian's hands	17 09	
Fines Collected	361 80	
Catalogues Sold	66 55	
Extra Volumes	7 50	
Miscellaneous	100 32	
Deposited with Treasurer		$ 400 00
Incidental Expenses		130 27
Money Refunded on Lost Books Found		2 25
Balance on Hand		20 74
	$ 553 26	$ 553 26

The circulation for home use was 108,882, an increase over the previous year of 7,958. The average monthly circulation was 9,074, and the daily average 357. The largest day's circulation was 823 volumes, Feb. 23, 1895, and the smallest 118 volumes, Oct. 18, 1894. Particulars of circulation and classification of books drawn are given in Appendix.

Total number of borrowers' cards in force at the end of the year 4,103, an increase of 237.

Six cards have been issued to blind people who have drawn books in raised character, which they are allowed to keep for four weeks. Not as many of this class have taken out cards as we had hoped would do so, but those who have expressed the pleasure and profit they have received, and the Board should feel well repaid for the small outlay made for books of this kind.

In January 40 books selected by the Librarian, with the assistance of the principal, were sent to the Neely School, to be drawn for home use by the scholars, under the supervision of their teachers. In February the same number of books were sent to the Steinacker school. Proper statistics of the use of the books were not secured till March 1st. Since that time the books at the Neely School have been drawn for home use 238 times, and those at the Steinacker school 300 times. I doubt if any other eighty books in the library have been as useful. The experiment made in these schools has proved so successful that I recommend that all the schools at a distance from the Library be supplied with small selections of books as rapidly as we can afford it, provided the co-operation of the teachers can be secured. The labor of keeping trace of the books is reduced to a minimum by the very simplest of records provided by the Library.

A large number of pictures accumulated in the Library have been mounted on stiff paper and sent in portfolios to the schools for the use of the younger scholars. These pictures serve to illustrate history and geography lessons, educate the taste of the little ones and give them pleasure in beautiful things, and have been highly appreciated by both teachers and scholars.

The use of the Reference department has been very gratifying. 915 books have been drawn from the Circulating department for reference use in the building. No other statistics can be given, as the shelves are open to the public without restriction.

The ladies of the Runcie Club have used the Library quite extensively in their studies in Grecian history during the winter. Special books have been purchased

for this course, and references looked [illegible] the topic under consideration from week to week.

The reading room is supplied with [illegible] terly, 27 monthlies, 1 semi-monthly, 19 weeklies and 3 dailies, a list of which [illegible] be found in Appendix.

A second supplement to the finding list [illegible] containing about 1,300 titles, was issued in April. This will last, with [illegible] of bulletins from time to time, until the close of the present year, when it [illegible] necessary to publish a new list of all the books for circulation.

The "Library Record" was discon[illegible] by the publisher, Mr. W. M. Shirley, in October. In place of it I have pu[illegible] a bulletin of the new books added about every two months. This cost [illegible] $7.50 for each issue, and is much more satisfactory to the patrons of the library than the Record, which printed with the list of books much matter th[illegible] little for.

A list of 100 good novels publish[illegible] December has been influential in improving the class of novels read.

The assistants have been faithful [illegible] ient. Thanking the Board for its interest and support, and congratulatin[illegible] successful year's work.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. ELMENDORF,
Librarian.

TABLE OF CIRCULATION.

Classes	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	Total	Per Cent.
Philosophy, Religion, Arts and Sciences	304	261	284	271	252	274	264	285	325	348	325	311	3504	.032
General Literature, Poetry and Drama	261	281	201	240	217	250	280	292	369	326	319	259	3295	.030
Travel	147	119	124	106	180	148	135	[illegible]	[illegible]	164	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	.015
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	74	165	149	140	126	119	147	185	196	1623	.014
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	186	[illegible]	[illegible]	299	230	266	217	2238	.022
Serials	328	342	300	321	266	318	336	339	377	345	377	332	3981	.036
German	250	253	243	267	267	260	250	326	371	332	301	239	3359	.023
Fiction and Juveniles	7389	7377	7989	8152	7552	6649	6691	7198	7799	7225	8224	6931	89176	.818
Total	8989	8887	9376	9603	8911	8237	8277	8872	9766	9147	10168	8639	108882	1.000
Days Open	26	26	25	27	23	27	25	25	26	23	26	26	305	

Daily average, 357.
Monthly average, 9074.
Largest day, February 23rd, 1895, 823.
Smallest day, October 18th, 1894, 118.

LIST OF PERIODICALS TAKEN BY THE LIBRARY.

QUARTERLY.

Cyclopædic Review of Current History.

MONTHLY.

American Teacher.
Arena.
Art Interchange.
Atlantic.
Blackwood's.
Century.
Cosmopolitan.
Current Literature.
Eclectic.
Educational Review.
Forum.
Good Housekeeping.
Harper's.
Ladies' Home Journal.
Library Journal.
Lippincott's.
Macmillan's.
Munsey's.
New England.
North American Review.
Outing.
Overland.
Review of Reviews.
St. Nicholas.
Scribner's.
Der Techniker (Gift of Pub.)

SEMI-MONTHLY.

1 Dial.

WEEKLY.

1 Catholic Review (Gift)
1 Harper's Bazar.
1 Harper's Weekly.
1 Harper's Young People.
1 Illustrated American.
1 Illustrated London News
1 Journal of Education.
1 Judge.
1 Leslie's Weekly.
1 Life.
1 Littell's Living Age.
1 Nation.
1 Perris New Era (Gift of Pub.)
1 Publishers' Weekly.
1 Puck.
1 School Journal.
1 Scientific American.
1 Scientific American Supplement.
1 Young People's Weekly (Gift of Pub.)
1 Youth's Companion.

DAILY.

2 Daily News (Gift of Pub.)
1 Omaha Bee (Gift of Pub.)
1 West Superior Leader (Gift of Pub.)

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY.

Donor	Location	Vols.	Pamphlets.
Apprentices' Library Company	Philadelphia, Pa.		1
Bohemian Benevolent Society		1	
Brooklyn Library	Brooklyn, N. Y		2
Buchanan County Clerk	St. Joseph, Mo.	1	
Campbell, C. W	St. Joseph, Mo	1	
City Comptroller	St. Joseph, Mo	1	1
City Library Association	Springfield, Mass		2
Cliff, Miss F. H	St. Joseph, Mo	9	
DeBarthe, Joseph	St. Joseph, Mo	1	
Enoch Pratt Free Library	Baltimore, Md		3
Fletcher Free Library	Burlington, Vt		1
Foote, Rev. H. L	St. Joseph, Mo	7	3
Free Public Library	Jersey City, N. J		11
Free Public Library	New Haven, Conn		2
Free Public Library	Paterson, N. J		1
Friends' Association	Philadelphia, Pa		1
Grand Rapids Public Schools	Grand Rapids, Mich		1
I. O. B. B., Joseph Lodge	St. Joseph, Mo	3	
Illinois State Historical Asso'n.			1
Indian Rights Association	Philadelphia, Pa		14
Keener, Dr. H. N	St. Joseph, Mo	1	
Leonard, Dr. P. I	St. Joseph, Mo		1
Library Association	Portland, Ore		18
Library Company	Philadelphia, Pa		1
Mercantile Library	Philadelphia Pa		4
Mercantile Library	New York City, N. Y		1
Missouri State Departments	Jefferson City, Mo	13	6
National Association of Letter Carriers, Branch 195	St. Joseph, Mo	1	
Neumaerker, Rev. R	St. Joseph, Mo	1	
Peabody Institute	Danvers, Mass		1
Pitts, Dr. Barton	St, Joseph, Mo	10	
Public Library	Boston, Mass		1
Public Library	Chicago, Ill		2
Public Library	Cleveland, O		1
Public Library	Council Bluffs, Ia		1
Public Library	Dayton, O		1
Public Library	Detroit, Mich		1
Public Library	Indianapolis, Ind		2
Public Library	Lawrence, Mass		4
Public Library	Lynn, Mass		2
Public Library	Milwaukee, Wis		4
Public Library	Minneapolis, Minn		1
Public Library	Providence, R. I		3
Public Library	St. Louis, Mo		1
Public Library	St. Paul, Minn		1
Public Library	Salem, Mass		1
Public Library	Scranton, Pa		3
Public Library	Toronto, Ont		1
Public Free Library	St. Louis, Mo		1
Ringler, M. J	St. Joseph, Mo	1	
Robinson, C. N	St. Joseph, Mo	2	
St. Joseph Fair Association	St. Joseph, Mo		1
Union Pacific R. R			1
United States Government	Washington, D. C	140	86
Warren County Library	Monmouth, Ills		1
Wisconsin Public Schools	Madison, Wis		2
Y. M. C. A. Training School	Chicago, Ills		1

Bittinger, Hon. J. L., St. Joseph, [illegible] 51 Numbers, Unbound Magazines, 2½ years' file St. Joseph "Herald."

Cliff, Miss F. H., St. Joseph. Mo., [illegible] ers Unbound Magazines.

Fiegenbaum, Miss Mary, St. Jo[illegible], 12 Numbers, Magazine for the Blind.

Omaha Bee, Omaha, Neb., 1 copy [illegible] per.

Perris New Era, Perris, Cal., 1 co[illegible] ly Paper.

St. Joseph Daily News, St. Josepl. [illegible] copies Daily Paper.

Superior Leader, Superior, Wis., [illegible] aily Paper.

Der Techniker, Philadelphia, Pa. [illegible] Monthly Paper.

TREASUR[illegible] REPORT.

GEO. C. HULL, TREASURER, IN [illegible] T WITH THE FREE PUBLIC LI[illegible]

		DR.
Balance as per last report	$	855 76
Received from Librarian		400 00
Interest		51 49
Balance on hand	$	1,307 25

ST. JOSEPH, May 2, 1895.

Above account examined and foun[illegible]t.

JNO. DECLUE,
W. H. GORDON.

ADMINISTRATION [illegible] MITTEE REPORT.

To Board of Directors of the Free [illegible] Library:

GENTLEMEN:—In accordance w[illegible] requirements of the 12th article of your by-laws, it becomes the duty of [illegible] nmittee on Administration to submit at your regular meeting in May a[illegible] to matters under their supervision.

Your committee desire to say bri[illegible] a careful and thorough examination of the library shows everythin[illegible] in good condition. The books are properly classified and conveniently [illegible] d, and are in as good a state of preservation as their constant use wi[illegible] The Librarian, Mr. H. L. Elmendorf, the Assistant Librarian, Miss L[illegible] nter, and the other assistants, Miss Cornelia L. Rathbun, Miss Annie M[illegible] Miss Kalliope Ritner, and Mr. Erle H. Merriman have shown themselv[illegible] ous, capable and accommodating, and have performed their respective [illegible] the satisfaction of your committee, and, we believe, the public generally [illegible] cellent order and perfect condition of every department of the library at [illegible] fidelity and efficiency.

Respect[illegible] mitted,

E. B. NEELY,
B. NEWBURGER,
Admistration Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT.

To the Board of Directors of the Public Library:

GENTLEMEN:—Your committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the books and accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary and find them correct.

Receipts and expenditures for the year will be found in the Librarian's report.

GEO. C. HULL,
W. H. GORDON,
JNO. DECLUE.
Finance Committee.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT.

To the Board of Directors of the Public Library:

GENTLEMEN:—The committee on Building and Grounds respectfully report that during the year necessary cases [illegible] library have been put in. An office for Librarian has been furnished. [illegible] is also used for registry desk, and as it adjoins the Reference Room, gives [illegible] ion of that department without the employment of extra assistants.

Our thanks are due to the Park [illegible] oners, who appropriated flowers and plants for the decoration of our gr[illegible] l to the St. Joseph Light and Fuel Co. for lighting the building without [illegible] to the city.

JNO. DECLUE,
B. NEWBURGER,
G. W. HENDLEY.
Building and Grounds Committee.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE REPORT.

To the Board of Directors of the Public Library:

GENTLEMEN:—Your Library com[illegible] s carefully examined and approved the list of books prepared monthly by [illegible] rarian for purchase. Statistics of the growth and use of the Library wil[illegible] l in the Librarian's report.

GEO. C. HULL,
BARTON PITTS.
Library Committee.

[illegible] JOSEPH, MO., APRIL 20, 1895.

Sixth Annual Report

of the

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Free Public Library

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Saint Joseph, Missouri.

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SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

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OF THE

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

OF

SAINT JOSEPH, MO.,

May 1, 1896.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY,

ST. JOSEPH, MO.

OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT	REV. HENRY BULLARD
TREASURER	J. W. ATWILL
SECRETARY	H. L. ELMENDORF

DIRECTORS:

Term Expires 1896.	Term Expires 1897.	Term Expires 1898.
E. B. NEELY	W. H. GORDON	W. H. MORLOCK
GEO. W. HENDLEY	B. NEWBURGER	J. W. ATWILL
REV. HENRY BULLARD	JOHN DE CLUE	DR. BARTON PITTS

H. L. ELMENDORF	LIBRARIAN
LULU C. SENTER	ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN

ASSISTANTS:

CORNELIA L. RATHBUN	ERLE H. MERRIMAN
ANNIE M. PERRY	STELLA M. BUSHNELL

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

To the Honorable, The Common Council of the City of St. Joseph:

GENTLEMEN:—In behalf of the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library, I present herewith the sixth annual report, consisting of the detailed statement of the Librarian as to the condition of the Library, together with the action of the various committees.

During the past year we have found the income entirely insufficient for the effective support of the Library.

A new difficulty has been encountered. We have reached the point when it is not enough to meet the ordinary wear and tear of books. Many of the standard and most popular books, with which our shelves were filled at the first, six years ago, have become entirely worn out. They have given out, not one by one, but all at once. Nearly every one of them is constantly called for and must be replaced.

Our finance committee, after carefully considering the pressing needs of the Library, and as carefully the various claims upon the income of the city, as presented by the city officials, recommended that an appeal be made to the voters, according to law, for an increased appropriation for the Library. This recommendation was unanimously adopted by the board and a vote was taken at the last regular election in April. In every voting precinct of the city, with a solitary exception, more votes were cast for the increase asked for (to one mill) than against it. Of the total (4,721) votes cast upon the petition of the Library Board, 3,179, only 95 less than two-thirds, were in its favor.

The Library Board believes that, in full accordance with the intent of the law, their petition was granted, and the appropriation of one mill, instead of three-tenths mill, was ordered by the voters of the city.

It is with very great regret that we learn that your honorable body not only refuses to make this appropriation, but has even reduced the amount we may expect for the coming year from $7,000.00 to $6,500.00.

Respectfully, HENRY BULLARD,
President of the Board.

STATE OF MISSOURI, }
COUNTY OF BUCHANAN. } ss.

Before me Eugene Ayres, a Notary Public in and for the county aforesaid, personally appeared Henry Bullard, President of the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library of St. Joseph, Missouri, and made oath that the facts and figures in the Librarian's Annual Report relating to receipts and expenditures, contents of Library and books added are correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Given under my hand and seal this 1st day of June, 1896.

EUGENE AYRES,
Notary Public.

[SEAL.]
Commission expires May 24, 1897.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:

GENTLEMEN:—I present herewith the sixth annual report of the Librarian, the fourth that I have submitted.

May 1, 1896, the close of our library year, the library contained 13,579 volumes, divided into departments as follows:

Reference Department	1,132
Government Department	1,946
Circulating Department	10,501
	13,579

During the year 1,107 books were added, as follows:

Gifts	47
Serials Bound	47
U. S. Government	176
Purchased	837
	1,107

375 volumes were withdrawn, as follows:

Lost and paid for	12
Worn out	357
Missing	6
	375

Net increase, 732 volumes.

Books added are classified as follows:

Philosophy, Religion, Arts and Science	98
Literature, Poetry and Drama	54
Travel and Description	22
Biography	26
History	49
Bound Magazines	47
German	78
General Works in Reference Department	59
Fiction and Children's Books	498
Government Publications	176
	1,107

Receipts for the year have been as follows:

Balance in city treasury May 1, 1895		$ 35 64
City appropriation		6,584 45
Salaries—librarian and assistants	$3,880 00	
Stationery and printing	82 40	
Postage	15 00	
Miscellaneous	70 07	
Fuel	129 80	
Insurance	95 70	
Rent	600 00	
Janitor	240 00	
Repairs	17 45	
Furniture	48 66	
Binding	382 60	
Books and periodicals	1,047 48	
Balance in city treasury May 1, 1896	10 93	
	$6,620 09	$6,620 09

Treasurer's report shows:

Balance as per last report	$1,307 25	
Received from librarian	315 00	
Interest on account	52 29	
		$1,674 54
May 1, 1895. Balance in librarian's hands	$ 20 74	
Fines collected	324 36	
Catalogues sold	65 30	
Miscellaneous	74 70	
Deposited with treasurer		$ 315 00
Incidental expenses		156 98
Balance on hand		13 12
	$ 485 10	$ 485 10

The circulation for home use was 109,073, an increase of 191 over the previous year. The library was open 306 days. Daily average circulation, 360; monthly average, 9,089. The largest day's circulation was 695 volumes, January 25, 1896, and the smallest 111 volumes, December 18, 1895. Particulars of circulation and classification of books drawn are given in appendix. Borrower's cards in force, 4,167; an increase of 64.

The quality of books read has improved very noticeably.

The number of novels and children's books drawn for home use has decreased 3,055, with a corresponding increase in more solid reading. The character of the fiction read has been much better. This has been effected by the purchase of extra copies of the best novels and a reduction of a number of those less worthy, and by a persistent effort of the assistants to induce readers to take the better books.

Libraries of fifty books each, selected by the principal of the school and the librarian, were put in the Neely and Bliss Schools, to be drawn for home use by the scholars. In this way 905 books were circulated. Other principals of schools applied for similar libraries, which could not be given them because the library had not enough suitable books to spare for the purpose. This work in the schools will be extended as quickly as possible, and as far as the means of the library will permit.

A collection of thirty books was loaned for two months to the Boys' Club of the Westminster Church. The books were in the care of Mr. McAllister of the High School, and were lent 187 times for home use.

The library possesses several hundred mounted pictures, which are lent to the teachers, and serve to illustrate lessons, entertain and rest the pupils, and cultivate a taste for beautiful things.

The original issue of the finding list, published October 1, 1892, with the supplements since published, is about exhausted. A new list of all of the books in the circulating department is in preparation, which is expected to be published by July 1, 1896.

During the year lists of new books added have been published in bulletins from time to time. Experience has proved that a printed list arranged in classes and alphabetically by authors, with no other matter, is the most satisfactory way of putting the new books before the public.

An increase has been very perceptible in the use of the reference department. The books and shelves are open to the public without restriction and no statistics can be given. Eleven hundred and twenty-five books were drawn from the circulating department for reference use.

The members of the Runcie, the Dante and the Travel Clubs have availed themselves extensively of the library, and everything possible has been done to aid them in their studies.

Forty-seven volumes of magazines have been bound. Seven hundred and twenty books have been rebound.

The magazine reading-room is supplied with one quarterly, twenty-nine monthlies, one semi-monthly, twenty weeklies and five dailies. Extra copies of the leading monthlies are taken for circulation. A list of serials is given in appendix.

The library has received a number of very acceptable donations, notable among which are twenty-one volumes, thirty-six numbers and twelve pamphlets, from F. M. Posegate; one volume, eighty-three numbers and six pamphlets from Rev. Dr. Henry Bullard; one hundred and fifty-three numbers from Mrs. Peter Hughes, and five hundred and thirty-one numbers from Miss Ellen Douglas. The contributions of unbound numbers of magazines are especially valuable, enabling the library to complete some of the sets indexed in Poole's index.

A list of all gifts and their donors is given in the appendix.

The work of the library could be much extended and its usefulness increased, particularly in the line of educational work in connection with the schools, if its means and facilities were increased.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. ELMENDORF, Librarian.

TABLE OF CLASSIFICATION.

Classes.	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	Total	Per Cent
Philosophy, Religion, Arts and Sciences	275	257	292	287	274	338	289	296	374	423	411	288	3804	.035
General Literature, Poetry and Drama	231	231	284	270	219	318	408	333	412	474	416	449	4045	.038
Travel	135	146	163	182	168	168	162	187	193	208	258	246	2216	.020
Biography	131	101	107	115	192	179	246	229	206	220	278	287	2291	.022
History	105	180	149	185	255	219	370	286	281	258	334	370	2972	.026
Serials	364	334	383	363	358	355	403	352	334	378	373	383	4380	.040
German	214	245	283	278	258	209	224	281	286	270	303	343	3194	.030
Fiction and Children's Books	7100	7303	7801	8172	6449	6064	6890	6464	7701	7806	7770	6601	86121	.789
Total	8565	8797	9462	9852	8173	7860	9002	8428	9787	10037	10143	8967	109073	
Days open	25	25	26	27	24	27	25	25	26	24	26	26	306	

LIST OF PERIODICALS TAKEN BY THE LIBRARY.

QUARTERLY.

1 Cyclopaedic Review of Current History.

MONTHLY.

1 American Teacher.
2 Arena.
1 Art Interchange.
2 Atlantic.
1 Blackwood's.
5 Century.
5 Cosmopolitan.
2 Current Literature.
1 Eclectic.
1 Educational Review.
2 Forum.
5 Harper's.
1 Inland Printer.
1 Ladies' Home Journal.
1 Library Journal.
3 Lippincott's.
2 McClure's.
1 McMillan's.
1 Missionary Review of the World.
3 Munsey's.
2 New England.
2 North American Review.
1 Outing.
1 Overland.
2 Popular Science Monthly.
2 Review of Reviews.
3 St. Nicholas.
4 Scribner's.
1 Der Techniker (Gift of Pub.)

SEMI-MONTHLY.

1 Dial.

WEEKLY.

1 Catholic Review (Gift.)
1 Harper's Bazar.
1 Harper's Round Table.
1 Harper's Weekly.
1 Illustrated American.
1 Illustrated London News.
1 Journal of Education.
1 Judge.
1 Leslie's Weekly.
1 Life.
1 Littell's Living Age.
1 Nation.
1 Publishers' Weekly.
1 Puck.
1 St. Joseph Journal of Com
(Gift of Pub.)
1 St. Louis Presbyterian (Gift
1 School Journal.
1 Scientific American.
1 Scientific American Supple
1 Youth's Companion.

DAILY.

1 Congressional Record (Gift.)
1 New York Times (Gift of P
1 Omaha Bee (Gift of Pub.)
2 St. Joseph Daily News (G
Pub.)
1 West Superior Leader (Gi
Pub.)

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY.

Donor.	Location.	Nos.	Pamphlets.
Apprentices' Library	Philadelphia, Pa		2
Brentano's	Paris		1
Bronson Library	Waterbury, Conn		2
Brooklyn Library	Brooklyn, N. Y		1
Bullard, Rev. Dr. Henry	St. Joseph, Mo	83	6
City Library Association	Springfield, Mass		1
Connecticut Public Library Commission			1
Connecticut State Teachers' Association			1
Cornell, Ed	St. Joseph, Mo		
Dolman, Mrs. John	St. Joseph, Mo		
Douglas, Miss Ellen	St. Joseph, Mo	531	
Enoch Pratt Free Library	Baltimore, Md		2
Fiegenbaum, Miss Mary	St. Joseph, Mo	12	
Forbes Library	Northamp[illegible] Mass		1

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY—Continued.

Free Library	Newton, Mass.		2	
Free Public Library	Council Bluffs, Ia.		1	
Free Public Library	Jersey City, N. J.		1	
Free Public Library	Lawrence, Mass.		1	
Free Public Library	New Haven, Conn.		4	
Free Public Library	Paterson, N. J.		1	
Free Public Library	Pawtucket, R. I.		1	
Free Public Library	Worcester Mass.		1	
Gildehaus, Charles	St. Louis, Mo.			1
Green, Samuel S	Worcester, Mass.		1	
Hearst Free Library	Anaconda, Mont.		1	
Hughes, Mrs. Peter	St. Joseph, Mo.	153		
I. O. B. B., Joseph Lodge	St. Joseph, Mo.			3
Indian Rights Association	Philadelphia, Pa.		2	
Indiana Library Association			1	
James Prendergast Free Library	Jamestown, N. Y.		1	
Library Association	Portland, Ore.	8		
Library Commission	Seattle, Wash.		1	
Library Company	Philadelphia, Pa.		3	
Mercantile Library	New York City.		1	
Mercantile Library	Philadelphia, Pa.		1	
Motter, Mrs. W. D. B	St. Joseph, Mo.		12	6
Newberry Library	Chicago, Ill.		1	
Newburger, B	St. Joseph, Mo.			1
Peabody Institute	Danvers, Mass.		1	
Posegate, F. M.	St. Joseph, Mo.	36	12	21
Public Library	Boston, Mass.		1	
Public Library	Denver, Colo.		1	
Public Library	Grand Rapids, Mich.		1	
Public Library	Indianapolis, Ind		1	
Public Library	Kansas City, Mo.		1	
Public Library	Lawrence, Mass.	2		
Public Library	Lynn, Mass.		1	
Public Library	Milwaukee, Wis.		8	
Public Library	Minneapolis, Minn.		1	
Public Library	Peoria, Ill.		1	
Public Library	Providence, R. I.		1	
Public Library	Scranton, Pa.		3	
Public Library	Taunton, Mass.		1	
Rock, Charles	St. Joseph, Mo.			1
Sanders, Walter J	St. Joseph, Mo.			1
Secretary of State of Missouri	Jefferson City, Mo.			1
Tufts Library	Weymouth, Mass.		2	
Union Depot Company	St. Joseph, Mo.		1	
United States Government	Washington, D. C.	47	25	176
Warren County Library Ass'n	Monmouth, Ill.	4		
Wemyss, R. J.	West Superior, Wis.		1	
Wilmington Institute	Wilmington, Del.		1	
Wisconsin Free Library Commission			1	
Wisconsin State Historical Society	Madison, Wis.		1	

REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:

GENTLEMEN:—The purchase of books by the Librarian, amounting to 837 volumes, during the year now closed, has been made by him after full consultation with and approval of the Library Committee, and so reported each month to the Board.

HENRY BULLARD,
J. W. ATWILL,
BARTON PITTS,
Library Committee.

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:

GENTLEMEN:—Your committee on Administration respectfully report that they have inspected the library, and find everything in order, and the books in as good a condition as their constant wear will admit.

The employees have merited the approbation of the Board by efficiency and faithfulness.

Miss Ritner, for two years an assistant in the library, resigned her position March 1, 1896, and Miss Stella Bushnell was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Respectfully submitted,

E. B. NEELY,
J. W. ATWILL,
B. NEWBURGER,
Administration Committee.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The finance committee of the Free Public Library report as follows:

We have carefully examined the books of the treasurer and secretary and find them correct.

The receipts and expenditures for the year have been as follows:

Balance in City Treasury, May 1, 1895		$ 35 64
City Appropriation		6,584 45
Salaries, Librarian and Assistants	$ 3,880 00	
Janitor	240 00	
Stationery and Printing	82 40	
Postage	15 00	
Miscellaneous	70 07	
Heating	129 80	
Insurance	95 70	
Rent	600 00	
Repairs	17 45	
Furniture	48 66	
Binding	382 60	
Books and Periodicals	1,047 48	
Balance in City Treasury, May 1, 1896	10 93	
	$ 6,620 09	$ 6,620 09

We find that this agrees with the accounts of the city officers on the same dates. The city closes its accounts the third Monday in April, while the State law specifies that the report of the library shall show the state of the trust May 1.

In April, 1895, the city carried over a balance to credit of library of.....$	569 44
April 25, 1895, there was drawn for April bills.....	533 80
Leaving balance to current year of.....$	35 64
This year the city carried a balance April 20, of.....$	385 93
April 23, there was drawn for April bills.....	375 00
Leaving balance as per report.....$	10 93

We call attention to the small amount available for the purchase of books. When the library was started, although the vote was passed in April, 1890, the library was not opened until March, 1891, and the running expenses were in consequence small for the first year, and a balance was carried over of $1,150.00. This sum was applied to the purchase of books in other years, and was only exhausted at the beginning of the last year. A reduced assessment has made the library income smaller, and the taking of the insurance out of the regular city taxes, so that the library receives no proportion of it, although the city receives the amount through the State treasury, has also cut our funds short.

The need of increased income was so apparent for the keeping up of the library and the extension of the work that the committee advised the board to take steps to present to the people a proposition to increase the appropriation from three-tenths mill to one mill, allowed by State law, contemplating devoting all the surplus above the amount necessary to run the library properly to a building fund for the erection of a suitable building for the library. Although the result showed that our citizens were overwhelmingly in favor of the increase, on a technicality and upon the advice of the city counselor, the city authorities declined to appropriate the increased amount.

Estimates for the coming year show that we will have about the same amount for the purchase of books and periodicals that we expended last year.

W. H. GORDON,
WM. H. MORLOCK,
JNO. DECLUE.

REPORT OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

To the President and Directors of the Free Public Library:

Your committee on buildings and grounds, in compliance with the by-laws, submit the annual report of expenditures coming under our supervision.

Rent	$ 600 00
Janitor	240 00
Insurance	95 70
Fuel	129 80
Furniture	48 66
Repairs	17 45
Water	30 00
Hose and Plumbing	11 95
Lawn Mower	8 20
Flag	7 96
Ice	6 25
Janitor's Supplies	2 65
	$1,198 62

Your committee recommend a vote of thanks to the Park Commissioners for the gift of plants and shrubs to ornament our grounds. We commend the diligence and faithfulness of David McKinney, our janitor, credit him for the fine appearance of the grounds, and recommend him for re-appointment.

JNO. DECLUE,
G. W. HENDLEY,
B. NEWBURGER,
Building and Grounds Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. W. ATWILL, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Received from George C. Hull, Treasurer	$ 60 00
Received from George C. Hull, account	1,307 25
Received from Librarian	255 00
Received Interest on account	52 29
Balance on hand May 1, 1896	$1,674 54

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1896.

Approved.

W. H. GORDON,
JNO. DECLUE,
WM. H. MORLOCK,
Finance Committee.

Seventh Annual Report of the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library St. Joseph, Mo.

Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 1897.

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FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

ST. JOSEPH, MO.

OFFICERS.

President ..... John DeClue
Vice President ..... Rev. J. L. Lawless
Secretary and Treasurer ..... Charles A. Pfeiffer

DIRECTORS.

Term expires 1897.	Term expires 1898.	Term expires 1899.
W. H. Gordon	W. H. Morlock	H. K. White
B. Newburger	J. W. Atwill	C. A. Pfeiffer
John DeClue	Dr. Barton Pitts	Rev. J. L. Lawless

COMMITTEES.

LIBRARY—Atwill, Lawless, White.

ADMINISTRATION—Pitts, DeClue, Atwill.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS—Newburger, Gordon, DeClue.

FINANCE—Gordon, Morlock, Pfeiffer.

BY-LAWS—Morlock, Pitts, White.

LIBRARY STAFF.

Purd B. Wright ..... Librarian
Lulu C. Senter ..... Assistant Librarian
Annie M. Perry ..... Reference Department
Cornelia L. Rathbun ..... Circulating Department
Erle H. Merriman ..... Cataloging Department
Stella M. Bushnell ..... Accession Department

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of St. Joseph:

GENTLEMEN: As required by law, I herewith present the Seventh Annual Report of the Free Public Library of St. Joseph, showing the condition and work of this institution.

The income of the library is sadly deficient, and had it not been for the special fund in the treasury of the Board of Directors at the beginning of the fiscal year, secured by preserving the moneys received from fines and similar sources since its organization, comparatively few books could have been purchased. This fund, amounting to $1,674.54, together with similar collections of $333.00 during the year, has been exhausted in the purchase of books absolutely necessary to keep the library in touch with the work devolving upon it. The seeming balance to the credit of the library in the hands of the city treasurer at this time, is explained by the fact that books heretofore ordered have not arrived.

The library has reached that age when books purchased in its first days must be replaced. The general public is not aware of the rapidity with which popular books wear out and the great expense entailed upon the library in replacing them. The circulation of books, already very large, when the total number in this department is considered, is constantly increasing, as will be seen by the reports herewith.

The increased use of the library necessarily means additional expense. The cost of rebinding books is a constantly growing one, the increase for the past year in this one item being about seventy-five per cent. over that of the year previous, and a much larger sum will be required this year. Books wear out more rapidly and must be replaced. Such volumes do not appear as new titles, and, therefore, make little showing.

The imperative demand for an increase in the funds of the library led the Board of Directors to consider the advisability of again asking the voters of the city to authorize the setting apart for library purposes of an increased percentage of the city taxes, but, in view of the condition of the city finances, it was thought best to postpone this request until a more favorable time. In lieu thereof, however, the Board of Directors, through its finance committee, asked for an increased apportionment, and, in view of the fact that the library fund has never been credited with any portion of the back taxes collected, interest on deposits of its funds, nor a proportion of the insurance tax collected by the state, believes that it is legally entitled to it. While the amount asked for will by no means meet the requirements of the library, it will enable those entrusted with its administration to at least prevent a backward movement. *Without this* additional money the library will suffer a most serious backset.

Briefly, among important items, the following reports show a home circulation for the year of 120,853, an increase of 11,780; a net gain in the number of volumes in the library of 1,260; users of the library by card number 4,347, a gain of 394. This does not include those persons who use only the reference and reading rooms, as these departments are open without restriction to all.

As to further facts, you are requested to read the reports herewith, as they are complete, and give detailed statements of the work done, and that sought to be accomplished.

Yours respectfully,

JNO. DECLUE,
President Board of Directors.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1897.

STATE OF MISSOURI, }
COUNTY OF BUCHANAN, } ss.

Before me, Levi Mitchell, a notary public in and for the county aforesaid, personally appeared John DeClue, president of the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library of St. Joseph, Missouri, and made oath that the facts and figures in the reports relating to receipts and expenditures, contents of library and books added are correct to the best of his knowledge and belief—Given under my hand and seal this 24th day of May, 1897.

[SEAL.] LEVI MITCHELL,
Notary Public.

Commission expires, March 5, 1901.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:

GENTLEMEN: The Seventh Annual Report of the librarian is herew[illegible] presented for your consideration.

ACCESSIONS AND WITHDRAWALS.

At the beginning of the library year, May 1, 1896, the library contai[illegible] according to the annual report, 13,579 volumes. Accessions for the year nu[illegible] ber 1,960, classified by source as follows: Gifts, 18; periodicals, bound, 1[illegible] U. S. Government, 128; purchased, 1,652. During the same period 720 v[illegible] *umes were withdrawn, as follows:* Lost and paid for, 16; exchanged, [illegible] *worn out, 680; missing, 6.*

e accessions and withdrawals are classified as follows:

s	Accessions	With-drawals	Net Gain
ophy	16	1	15
on	40	...	40
ogy	44	1	43
al Science	35	1	34
l Arts	24	...	24
Arts	29	...	29
ture	91	18	73
ry	148	4	144
l	61	4	57
aphy	147	2	145
l Magazines, reference	144	8	136
l Magazines, circulating	18	...	18
Reference Works	75	6	69
an	85	5	80
n	875	670	205
rnment Publications	128	...	128
otal	1960	720	1240

VOLUMES IN LIBRARY.

he library contains at the present time 14,839 volumes, of which 1,337 n the reference department, 2,074 in the government department, and 3 in the circulating department; a net increase of 1,240 volumes for the The average cost of books purchased during the year was $1.13.

FINANCIAL.

following are the expenditures of the library for the year from both al and special funds:

	Gen'l Fund	Special Fund	Total
ies	$3,605 00		$3,605 00
	600 00		600 00
or	240 00		240 00
ing and Stationery	89 25		89 25
ing Finding List		$ 380 25	380 25
ge	19 50		19 50
llaneous	82 55	45 00	127 55
	188 60		188 60
ance	89 00		89 00
irs	17 55		17 55
iture	97 40	12 50	109 90
ing	656 02	4 77	660 79
dicals	33 30	209 15	242 45
s	924 74	943 54	1,868 28
al	$6,642 91	$1,595 21	$8,238 12

Special fund, collections and disbursements:

Balance in librarian's hands, May 1, 1896	$ 13 12	
Fines Collected	308 76	
Catalogs Sold	95 05	
Miscellaneous Collections (rents, bulletins, damaged books, lost books, new cards, extra volumes)	92 47	
Deposited with Treasurer		$333 00
*Incidental Expenses		161 82
Balance on Hand		14 58
	$509 40	$509 40

NUMBER OF BORROWERS.

The number of cards in use is 4,347. Expirations for the year were 1,763; cancellations, 119; total, 1,182. Cards issued: Renewals, 903; new, 1,373; total, 2,276; increase, 394.

CIRCULATION.

The issues for home use were 120,853, an increase of 11,780. Daily average circulation, 390; monthly average, 10,071, an increase of 902. The largest issue of books in the circulating department for one day was 830, February 6, 1897; the smallest, 185, September 18, 1896. A small increase in the percentage of fiction is noted, while a gratifying improvement is apparent in the use of history and travel, the increase in the percentage in the two last-named classes being about one-tenth. Volumes in the circulating department were issued on an average of eleven times each during the twelve months.

The cost per volume of circulation was 6.8 cents. It is difficult to make comparisons of this expense with other libraries, from the fact that some have no rent to pay, others no heating bills, and similar expenses, while all of these items are embraced in the charges against the circulation of this library.

The grade of fiction issued is improving. The former librarian, Mr. H. L. Elmendorf, in publishing a new finding list last year, dropped, among others, the books of Horatio Alger, Jr., Bertha M. Clay, "Harry Castlemon," May Agnes Fleming, and a large number of those of Mrs. E. D. E. N. Southworth. As these books wear out they are not replaced. This policy has been steadily pursued, and, in addition to the above, among those whose novels have either been dropped entirely or reduced in number are Argles, Braddon, Holmes, Stephens, Forrester, Terhune and Cameron. A continuous effort on the part of the library staff is being made to encourage the reading of better books, and there is little ground for complaint as to results.

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*The incidental expenses account includes all postage of the Library (other than printed postal cards), freight and cartage on books, the purchase of ink, pens, pencils, and like small supplies.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

While no statistics are kept relating to the reference room, its use is constantly growing, especially among pupils of the schools of the city. Volumes from the circulating department to the number of 1992 were issued for reference during the year

The same trouble as heretofore exists with this department. Its location makes it impracticable to have it overlooked continuously by library assistants, and financial reasons prevent an increase of the force. Books are taken away and often not returned, while many suffer from vandals. An ordinance is being prepared for submission to the common council, imposing penalties for misdemeanors of this kind, which it is hoped will aid in correcting this evil.

READING ROOM.

As will be seen by reference to appendices, important accessions have been made to the reading room, principal among which are daily newspapers from all portions of the United States, contributed by the Herald and Gazette Publishing Companies of this city. Trade journals, forming an attractive commercial department, are furnished through the courtesy of their publishers. Another interesting and useful addition is a list of medical journals, donated regularly by the St Joseph Academy of Medicine.

The reading room suffers through vandalism as does the reference department, and for the same reason a remedy has not yet been found.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

The work in the schools, inaugurated two years ago, has been kept up as well as the condition of the library permitted, and with satisfactory results. Arrangements are under way for extending this work to include all of the schools in the outlying portions of the city, and with each order for books several titles are included for this especial purpose. Teachers are encouraged to use the library, and are granted extra privileges, being permitted access to the shelves for examination of books.

LIBRARY NOTES

A new finding list was issued last July, since which date two bulletins, containing 300 titles each, have been published, and a third is now ready

Through an arrangement with the Daily Herald and Daily Gazette lists of new books and special topic-lists are published weekly. The use of the type is granted the library, hence the cost of publishing bulletins is reduced to a nominal sum. The advertisement thus secured through the daily papers is responsible, in large measure, for the increased use of the library

In addition to assisting the various literary clubs of the city in their regular programs, special lists have also been prepared, embracing topics of immediate interest. During the campaign last fall, such a list on the financial question proved decidedly useful Other lists covered the Cuban revolu- [illegible] rmenian question, Cretan insurrection, and the Graeco-

Fine notices were sent out as follows: First notice, postals, 3,[illegible]; [illegible] notices, 128; guarantors written, 36.

Of 1,624 volumes sent to the bindery, 1,466 were for rebinding, and [illegible] were magazines. In addition, a large number have been repaired at the library, so far as possible to do so in lieu of rebinding.

While the library is a government depository, the books have neither been listed nor classified, consequently they have not been of the use to the public which they otherwise would have been. It is hoped to remedy this at an early day, as well as to classify books in the German language, now designated by consecutive numbers.

Appended will be found (a) classified table of circulation; (b) list of periodicals taken; and (c) list of donations.

The librarian wishes to acknowledge the hearty support and good-will of the library staff, without which the showing herein made would not have been possible.

The work of the library is seriously hampered in every way by lack of funds, and quarters which are not adapted to library purposes. Notwithstanding these drawbacks, it is doing a splendid work, which is small only in comparison with what might be done under favorable conditions.

With thanks to the Board for its kindly consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

PURD B. WRIGHT,
Librarian.

STATE OF MISSOURI, }
COUNTY OF BUCHANAN, } ss.

Before me, Edward S. Douglas, a notary public in and for the county aforesaid, personally appeared Purd B. Wright, librarian of the Free Public Library of the City of St. Joseph, Mo., and made oath that the facts and figures herein relating to receipts and expenditures, contents of library and books added are correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Given under my hand and seal, this 24th day of May, 1897.

[SEAL.] EDWARD S. DOUGLAS,
Notary Public.

My commission expires November 16, 1900.

REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:

GENTLEMEN: During the past fiscal year, 1,960 volumes have been added to the library, of which 18 were gifts, 162 periodicals, 128 government publications, and 1,652 purchased. Withdrawals for the same period aggregated 720, leaving a net gain of 1,240 volumes. All purchases were made after approval by the committee and board.

Your committee, with the librarian, has used care in the selection of titles, and has sought to include in its lists only the better books. In fiction, it has been the policy to drop a great many titles, and this line will be pursued according to the best judgment of the committee.

While the circulation report shows a small increase in the percentage of fiction, the grade of books called for in this class is steadily improving. Gratifying increases in circulation are noted in history, travel, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. ATWILL,
H. K. WHITE,
J. L. LAWLESS,
Library Committee.

May 1, 1897.

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:

GENTLEMEN: An examination of the library shows the books to be in as good condition as their constant use will permit.

The only change in the library force during the year was that caused by the resignation of Mr. H. L. Elmendorf, librarian, to accept a more lucrative position. Mr. Purd B. Wright was appointed to fill the vacancy.

The work of the force has been such as to deserve commendation at our hands.

J. W. ATWILL,
JNO. DECLUE,
BARTON PITTS.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:

GENTLEMEN: I herewith submit a detailed report of the financial operations of the Board for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1897:

SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

1896.				
July 31.	Received from Treasurer J. W. Atwill certificate of deposit on National Bank of St. Joseph	$ 225 00		
	Received from Treasurer J. W. Atwill certificate of deposit on National Bank of St. Joseph	1,359 54		
	Received from Treasurer J. W. Atwill check on National Bank of St. Joseph	120 00		
				$1,704 54
Aug. 5.	Received from H. L. Elmendorf	$ 25 00		
Aug. 28.	Received from H. L. Elmendorf	25 00		
Sept. 29.	Received from H. L. Elmendorf	30 00		
Oct. 22.	Received from Purd B. Wright	35 00		
Nov. 25.	Received from Purd B. Wright	40 00		
Dec. 24.	Received from Purd B. Wright	16 00		
1897.				
Jan. 11.	Received from National Bank of St. Joseph, interest on $225	6 75		
Jan. 28.	Received from Purd B. Wright	35 00		
Feb. 25.	Received from Purd B. Wright	32 00		
March 24.	Received from Purd B. Wright	1 94		
March 25.	Received from Purd B. Wright	30 06		
April 21.	Received from Purd B. Wright	33 00		
				$ 309 75

EXPENDITURES.

Disbursed as per vouchers	$1,595 21	
Transferred to city treasurer, January 11, '97	289 02	
Deposited with city treasurer, January 29	35 00	
Deposited with city treasurer, February 26	32 00	
Deposited with city treasurer, March 25	30 06	
Deposited with city treasurer, April 22	33 00	
	$2,014 29	$2,014

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

n hands of city treasurer, April 20, 1896	$ 385 93	
nres for month of April, 1896, as per vouchers	375 00	
on hand beginning the library year, May 1, 1896.		$ 10 93
tions from three-tenths mills tax placed to credit of Free Public with city treasurer:		
	$4,533 00	
	236 03	
	228 02	
	350 90	
r	348 32	
	313 50	
r	180 29	
r	245 87	
	8 97	
	11 42	
	4 03	
	31	
		$6,463 26
11. Transferred from special fund	$ 289 02	
29. Deposit	35 00	
26. Deposit	32 00	
25. Deposit	30 00	
22. Deposit	33 00	419 08
		$6,893 27

EXPENDITURES.

ichers	$1,009 58	
ichers	607 07	
chers	471 75	
vouchers	546 48	
r, vouchers	459 75	
vouchers	604 65	
r, vouchers	542 38	
r, vouchers	395 50	
vouchers	440 35	
, vouchers	464 70	
ouchers	521 06	
uchers	579 04	
		$6,042 91

RECAPITULATION.

Receipts, General Fund:		
Balance on hand, May 1, 1896	$ 10 98	
Receipts from three-tenths mill tax	6,463 26	$6,474 18
Special fund:		
Balance on hand July 1, 1896	$1,704 54	
Collections	309 75	
		$2,014 29
Expenditures:		
General Fund	$6,642 91	
Special Fund	1,595 21	
Total	$8,238 12	
Balance in city treasury to credit of Library Fund, May 1, 1897	$ 250 36	
	$8,488 48	$8,488 48

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. A. PFEIFFER,

Treasurer.

STATE OF MISSOURI, }
COUNTY OF BUCHANAN, } ss

Before me, J. C. Hedenberg, a notary public in and for the county aforesaid, personally appeared Charles A. Pfeiffer, treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library of the City of St. Joseph, Missouri, and made oath that the facts and figures above set forth are correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Given under my hand and seal, this 25th day of May, 1897.

[SEAL.] J. C. HEDENBERG.

Notary Public.

My commission expires November 13, 1897.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

he Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:

GENTLEMEN: As required by law, the finance committee herewith sub-
s, for your consideration, a report of the receipts and expenditures of the
ary for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1897:

SPECIAL FUND.

Receipts:		
ance on hand May 1, 1896		$1,674 54
lections		339 75
Disbursements:		
tchers on file	$1,595 21	
nsferred to city treasurer	289 02	
posited with city treasurer	130 06	
	$2,014 29	$2,014 29

GENERAL FUND.

Receipts:		
lance in hands of city treasurer, May 1, 1896		$ 10 93
lected from 3-10 mill tax		6,463 26
nsferred from Special Fund		289 02
posited by treasurer, monthly collections		130 06
Disbursements:		
nthly bills, as per vouchers	$6,642 91	
lance in hands of city treasurer	250 36	
	$6,893 27	$6,893 27

The committee, acting under instructions of the Board of Directors, met
members of the common council whose terms did not expire this year,
rly in March, and stated the necessity for additional funds, either as a
ect appropriation from the city treasury, or the increase, by a vote of the
ple, of the amount of the tax to be set apart for library purposes. After
oroughly considering the question, it was thought best by all concerned
at the relief required be given by the council as an additional appropria-
n, in liquidation of claims of the library for back taxes, interest on deposit
library funds, and a share of insurance taxes collected by the state for
e city. The amount agreed upon at that time was between $7,500 and
,000. Later developments have fixed the amount at the first-named figure.

The accounts of the treasurer and librarian have been checked and found
be correct, the former corresponding, in the general fund, with that of
e city auditor.

W. H. GORDON.
WM. H. MORLOCK.
CHAS. A. PFEIFFER.

REPORT OF BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:

GENTLEMEN: The committee on building and grounds herewith submits a report of expenditures for the department under its charge, as required by the by-laws.

Rent	$ 600 00
Janitor	240 00
Insurance	89 00
Fuel	188 00
Furniture	97 40
Stove, (special fund)	12 50
Repairs	17 55
Water	40 00
Ice	7 75
	$1,292 80

Through the courtesy of the park commissioners, who furnished plants and shrubs, the grounds of the library last season were made very attractive. Like contributions were promised from the same source this year. The janitor, David McKinney, deserves especial mention for his care of the grounds. His re-appointment is recommended.

Respectfully submitted,

B. NEWBURGER.
W. H. GORDON.
CHAS. A. PFEIFFER.
Committee on Building and Grounds.

May 1, 1897.

APPENDIX "A"—CLASSIFIED TABLE OF CIRCULATION.

	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	Total	Per Cent
Philosophy	27	41	35	39	24	22	44	47	65	58	75	46	523	
Religion	45	45	56	38	48	71	72	87	79	66	95	87	789	
Sociology	36	51	59	64	51	60	45	48	56	66	72	62	690	
Philology	2	3	5	2	1	2	9	4	6	3	14	5	56	.035
Natural Science	68	68	47	63	69	76	72	71	122	92	71	77	796	
Useful Arts	16	25	36	20	18	23	19	30	44	55	49	35	370	
Fine Arts	58	64	47	74	65	54	55	88	107	90	126	88	916	
Literature	280	308	286	261	248	275	380	396	383	387	380	374	3958	.033
History	304	243	236	262	228	272	319	302	282	336	340	301	3455	.028
Travel	152	172	146	148	143	226	239	234	267	255	253	197	2432	.022
Biography	155	126	124	138	102	149	175	224	215	180	241	218	2047	.017
Magazines	321	376	353	357	328	313	328	339	380	397	450	392	4334	.036
German	238	201	231	371	237	277	267	306	385	361	426	331	3531	.029
Fiction and Juvenile	6809	8077	8526	8992	7741	7352	7275	7759	8460	8656	8994	8275	96716	.800
Total home issues	8531	9750	10187	10729	9303	9172	9299	9935	10851	11002	11586	10508	120853	1.000
Ref. use from circulating dept	67	72	31	21	31	80	117	82	90	126	147	128	992	.....
Total issues	8598	9822	10218	10750	9334	9252	9416	10017	10841	11168	11733	10636	121845	.....
Days open	25	26	26	26	25	27	24	26	25	23	27	26	306	.....
Average daily issues	343	377	393	413	373	343	392	389	433	485	438	409	398	.....

APPENDIX "B"—LIST OF PERIODICALS TAKEN BY THE LI

QUARTERLY.

1 Cyclopaedic Review of Current History.

MONTHLY.

1 American Electrician.
1 American Teacher.
1 *American Medical Journalist.
2 Arena.
1 Art Interchange.
2 Atlantic Monthly.
1 Blackwood's Magazine.
1 Bookman.
5 Century.
5 Cosmopolitan.
1 Cumulative Index.
2 Current Literature.
1 Eclectic Magazine.
1 Educational Review.
1 Fire and Water. (Gift of Daily Herald.)
2 Forum.
5 Harper's Monthly.
1 Inland Printer.
1 Ladies' Home Journal.
1 Land of Sunshine. (Gift.)
1 Library Journal.
3 Lippincott's.
1 Literary News.
3 McClure's Magazine.
1 Macmillan's Magazine.
1 *Medical Herald.
1 Missionary Review of the World
3 Munsey's Magazine.
2 New England Magazine.
2 North American Review.
1 Outing.
1 Overland Monthly.
1 Photographic Times.
2 Popular Science Monthly.
2 Review of Reviews.
3 St. Nicholas.
5 Scribner's Magazine.
1 Stone.
1 *Vegetarian, Chicago.
1 *Western Fruit Grower.

*Gift of Publisher.

SEMI-MONTHLY.

1 Dial.

WEEKLY.

1 American. (Gift of Gaze lishing Co.)
1 *Bradstreet's.
1 *Christian Intelligencer.
1 Christian Science Journ Christian Science Stu
1 *Commercial Tribune, Colo.
1 *Democrat - Lever, Pla Mo.
2 Engineering Record. Gazette and Herald ing Co's.)
1 Harper's Bazar.
1 Harper's Weekly.
1 Harper's Round Table.
1 *Leader, Plattsburg, Mo.
1 Leslie's Weekly.
1 Illustrated American.
1 Illustrated London New
1 *Interstate Grocer, St. Lo
1 *Journal of Commerce.
1 Journal of Education.
1 Life.
1 Littell's Living Age.
1 *Modern Miller, St. Louis.
1 Nation.
1 *Northwestern Merchant luth, Minn.
1 *Ohio Merchant, Clevelan
1 Parish Message. (Gift of Church Parish).
1 Public Opinion.
1 Publisher's Weekly.
1 School Journal.
1 Scientific American.
1 Scientific American Supp
1 *Shoe and Leather Gazet Louis, Mo.
1 *The Trader (El Comerc Mexico, Mex.
1 *Trade Register, Seattle,
1 *Trade Review and Ind Record, Dallas, Tex.
1 Tribune, New York City.
1 Western Electrician.

X "B"—LIST OF PERIODICALS TAKEN BY THE LIBRARY. Continued.

DAILIES.

:epublican, Phoenix.
Ga.) Constitution.
: (Md.) News.
N. Y.) News.
Ill.) Chronicle.
onal Record.
'olo.) Republican.
olis (Ind.) Sentinel.
ille (Fla.) Times-Union.
les (Cal) Express.
: (Ky.) Courier-Journal.
olis (Minn.) Tribune.)
k (N. Y.) Mail and Ex-

hia (Pa.) Public Ledger.
:s.
' (Pa.) Dispatch.
ountain News, Denver.

ld (Mass.) Republican.
h (Mo.) Daily Herald.
h (Mo.) Daily News.
Publisher.)
h (Mo.) Daily Volksblatt.
Publisher.)
(Mo.) Chronicle.
Minn Globe.
(Utah) Herald.
cisco (Cal.) Bu letin.
:on (D. C.) Post.
erior (Wis.) Leader.
Publisher.)

MEDICAL JOURNALS.

' the St. Joseph Academy
icine.
d Neurologist.
Medical Review.
Medico-Surgical Bulletin.

oseph Daily Herald.
Joseph Daily Gazette.

Annals of Surgery.
Archives of Pediatrics.
Buffalo Medical and Surgical Journal.
Bulletin of the American Academy of Medicine.
Chicago Medical Recorder.
Denver Medical Times.
International Journal of Surgery.
Iowa Medical Journal.
Journal of the American Medical Association.
Journal of Nervous and Mental Diseases.
Kansas City Medical Index.
Kansas City Medical Record.
Kansas Medical Journal.
Langsdale's Lancet.
Matthews' Medical Quarterly.
Medical and Surgical Reporter.
Medical Bulletin.
Medical Fortnightly.
Medical Mirror.
Medical News.
Medical Record.
Medical Review.
Medicine.
New York Medical Journal
New York Polyclinic.
North American Practitioner
Occidental Medical Times.
Omaha Clinic.
Pacific Medical Review
Quarterly Journal of Inebriety.
St. Louis Medical and Surgical Journal.
Sanitarian.
University Medical Magazine
Virginia Medical Monthly.
Weir's Index to the Medical Press.
Western Medical Review.
Yale Medical Journal.

APPENDIX "C"—LIST OF DONATIONS.

NAME	LOCATION	No.	Vols.	Pamp.
Abbott, Emerson T	St. Joseph, Mo.		14	
Abercrombie, R. M	St. Joseph, Mo.	33		
Atwill, J. W	St. Joseph, Mo.		1	
Brooklyn (N. Y.) Library				
Campbell, C. W	St. Joseph, Mo.		3	
Chicago (Ill.) Public Library				
Christian Science Students	St. Joseph, Mo.	12	2	
Cleveland (O.) Public Library				
Council Bluffs (Ia.) Free Public Library				
Dana, J. C	Denver, Colo.			
Denver (Colo.) City Library		8		
Detroit (Mich.) Public Library				
Dover (N. H.) Public Library				
Eau Claire (Wis.) Public Library				
Enoch Pratt Free Library	Baltimore, Md.			
Fassett, C. W	St. Joseph, Mo.	15		
Fiegenbaum, Miss Mary	St. Joseph, Mo.	22		
Fletcher Free Library	Burlington, Vt.			
Furst, Miss Rachel	St. Joseph, Mo.		1	
Grand Rapids (Mich.) Public Library				
Hartford (Conn.) Public Library				
Hartford (Conn.) Theological Seminary				
Howard Memorial Library	New Orleans, La.			
Hull, Mrs. G. C	St. Joseph, Mo.	30		
I. O. B. B., Joseph Lodge	St. Joseph, Mo.		1	
Jersey City (N. J.) Free Public Library				
Kansas City (Mo.) Public Library				
Kingsbury, C. P	St. Joseph, Mo.		6	
Kroll, Mrs. E. M. J	St. Joseph, Mo.	702		
Krug, Mrs. Henry, Jr	St. Joseph, Mo.	36		
Lawrence (Mass.) Public Library				
Milwaukee (Wis.) Public Library				
Missouri State Auditor	Jefferson City, Mo.		1	
Neumaerker, Rev. B	St. Joseph, Mo.		1	
New Haven (Conn.) Free Public Library				
New York (N. Y.) Public Library				
New York State Teachers' Library	Albany, N. Y.			
Ohio State Library	Columbus, O.			
Parsons, J. R. and others	Chicago, Ill.			
Patterson (N. J.) Free Public Library				
Peabody Institute	Danvers, Mass.			
Perry, Miss Annie M	St. Joseph, Mo.	1		
Philadelphia (Pa.) Library Company				
Poughkeepsie (N. Y.) City Library				
Providence (R. I.) Athenæum				
Ratt, C. L	St. Joseph, Mo.			
St. Joseph Gazette	St. Joseph, Mo.		1	
St. Louis (Mo.) Mercantile Library				
St. Louis (Mo.) Public Library		1		
Salem (Mass.) Public Library				
San Francisco (Cal.) Free Public Library				
Scranton (Pa.) Public Library				
Seattle (Wash.) Library Commission				
Seattle (Wash.) Public Library				
Senter, Miss L. C	St. Joseph, Mo.		2	
Somerville (Mass.) Public Library				
Sons of the Revolution, Missouri Society			3	15
Taylor, E. M	St. Joseph, Mo.		1	
Toronto (Ont.) Public Library				
Trefz, Rev. E. F	St. Joseph, Mo.		1	
Tufts Library	Weymouth, Mass.			
United States Government	Washington, D. C.	32	128	19
Warren County (Ill.) Library Association				
Whittington, Dr. W. L	St. Joseph, Mo.	31		
Wilson, Sydney S	St. Joseph, Mo.			
Worcester (Mass.) Free Public Library				
Wright, Mrs. Purd B	St. Joseph, Mo.	16		
Cochran, Mrs. C. F., St. Joseph, Mo., 2 Framed Pictures of Missouri State University, Columbia, Mo.				

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ST. JOSEPH, MO.

OFFICERS:

President ..... John DeClue
Vice-president ..... Rev. J. L. Lawless
Secretary and Treasurer ..... Charles A. Pfeiffer

DIRECTORS.

Term Expires 1898.	Term Expires 1899.	Term Expires 1900
W. H. Morlock	H. K. White	John DeClue
J. W. Atwill	Chas. A. Pfeiffer	L. M. Smith
Dr. Barton Pitts	Rev. J. L. Lawless	James A. McEvoy

COMMITTEES.

LIBRARY Atwill, Lawless, White.
ADMINISTRATION Pitts, Atwill, DeClue.
BUILDING AND GROUNDS Pfeiffer, Morlock, Lawless.
FINANCE Morlock, Pfeiffer, Smith.
BY-LAWS White, Morlock, McEvoy.

LIBRARY STAFF.

Purd B. Wright ..... Librarian
Lulu C. Senter ..... Assistant Librarian

ASSISTANTS.

Annie M. Perry, Cornelia L. Rathbun, *Erle H. Merriman, †Stella M. Bushnell, ††Eudora Martin, ‡Miranda Olds, John Norton, Messenger.

*Resigned July 20, 1897.
†Resigned Feb. 24, 1898.
††Appointed July 20, 1897.
‡Appointed Feb. 24, 1898.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of St. Joseph, Mo.:

GENTLEMEN: Pursuant to the requirements of law, I herewith present the Eighth Annual Report of the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library of the City of St. Joseph, Mo., for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1898.

Despite a decrease in the amount of money to be expended for the library, the year past has witnessed the largest growth in its history. While the circulation was somewhat less than last year, it is still very large for the number of volumes in the library. The expense for circulation showed a decrease of three-tenths of one cent per volume, which is gratifying in the extreme.

Realizing the need of securing more money for the library in order that the number of books might the more rapidly be increased, thus decreasing the expense incident to constant use of few volumes, it was decided by the Board of Directors to submit the question to the voters of increasing the proportion of taxes allotted the library from three-tenths to five-tenths of of a mill. But $13.40 was expended in placing the matter before the people. The newspaers of the city, with a most pleasing unanimity, supported the proposition, publishing many columns in its favor. Of 4,474 votes cast on the proposition, 3,583 were for and only 891 against. Under the law, it is necessary to secure a majority of all voters voting at the election. There being 7,899 votes polled, the proposition failed by only 362 votes. The hard political fight in progress, together with the fact that a new form of ticket was used for the first time which required no scratching from the "straight ticket" voter, militated against the library. In precincts where the library had representatives to remind people to vote on the library proposition, it carried largely. The Board had no money to employ persons to remain near all the polling booths, and the voters simply forgot to vote on the measure.

For the coming year the Library will have about the same amount of money as it had last year, the city already having made a library apportionment of $7,200.

A summary of the reports following shows that the library contains 14,859 volumes, a net gain during the year of 1,694. Circulation for the year, 116,030. Number of card-holders, 4,352.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. DECLUE,
President.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1898.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:

GENTLEMEN: I herewith submit a detailed report of the financial operations of the Board for the fiscal year ending April 19, 1898:

SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT—RECEIPTS—SCHEDULE A.

1897.				
June	8.	Received from Purd B. Wright, librarian	$ 30	00
June	14.	Received from Purd B. Wright, librarian	15	00
July	16.	Received from Purd B. Wright, librarian	30	00
Aug.	13.	Received from Purd B. Wright, librarian	30	00
Sept.	14.	Received from Purd B. Wright, librarian	25	00
Oct.	15.	Received from Purd B. Wright, librarian	30	00
Nov.	15.	Received from Purd B. Wright, librarian	30	00
Dec.	15.	Received from Purd B. Wright, librarian	25	00
1898.				
Jan.	14.	Received from Purd B. Wright, librarian	30	00
Feb.	10.	Received from Purd B. Wright, librarian	30	00
Mar.	15.	Received from Purd B. Wright, librarian	25	00
Apr.	14.	Received from Purd B. Wright, librarian	25	00
			$325	00

DISBURSEMENTS SCHEDULE B.

1897.				
June	8.	Deposited with City Treasurer	$ 30	00
June	14.	Deposited with City Treasurer	15	00
July	16.	Deposited with City Treasurer	30	00
Aug.	13.	Deposited with City Treasurer	30	00
Sept.	14.	Deposited with City Treasurer	25	00
Oct.	15.	Deposited with City Treasurer	30	00
Nov.	15.	Deposited with City Treasurer	30	00
Dec.	15.	Deposited with City Treasurer	25	00
1898.				
Jan.	14.	Deposited with City Treasurer	30	00
Feb.	10.	Deposited with City Treasurer	30	00
Mar.	15.	Deposited with City Treasurer	25	00
			$300	00
Balance in hands of treasurer, Chas. A. Pfeiffer			25	00
			$325	00

ENERAL REVENUE ACCOUNT—RECEIPTS—SCHEDULE C.

e in hands city treasurer May 1, 1897		$250 36
ts from collections upon an apportionment made by ommon Council of $7,500, and placed to the credit e Free Public Library:		
7.		
Collections	$3,885 00	
Collections	414 72	
Collections	354 82	
Collections	563 92	
Collections	389 47	
Collections	379 27	
Collections	442 65	
Collections	158 88	
8.		
Collections	185 25	
Collections	240 52	
Collections	143 74	
Collections. (No report from comptroller		
	$7,158 77	

DISBURSEMENTS—SCHEDULE D.

7.	
Vouchers	$ 532 08
Vouchers	306 16
Vouchers	703 21
Vouchers	454 65
Vouchers	686 09
Vouchers	668 06
Vouchers	829 21
Vouchers	615 40
8.	
Vouchers	623 97
Vouchers	733 41
Vouchers	523 74
Vouchers	953 35
	$7,629 93

RAL REVENUE ACCOUNT RECAPITULATION SCHEDULE E.

RECEIPTS.

with city treasurer May 1, 1897	$ 250 36	
ions as per schedule C	7,158 77	
s with city treasurer, as per schedule B	300 00	
ds of treasurer, Chas. A. Pfeiffer	25 00	
		$7,734 13

EXPENDITURES.

Vouchers as per schedule D	$7,629 93	
Amount withdrawn from Library Fund by Council and not replaced	30 00	
	$7,659 93	
*Balance on hand	74 20	
		$7,734 1
*In hands of city treasurer	$ 49 20	
In hands of board treasurer	25 00	
	$ 74 20	

SCHEDULE F.

Explanation of discrepancy between city treasurer's balance and balan shown by Chas. A. Pfeiffer, treasurer, on May 1, 1897:

Balance on hand, as per city treasurer's report, April 15, 1897	$ 797 00
Deposited with city treasurer, from Special Fund, April 22, 1897	33 00
	$ 830 00
Paid by city treasurer, vouchers, April 22, 1897	579 64
Balance on hand as per Chas. A. Pfeiffer's report	$ 250 36

The city of St. Joseph showed a balance of $797.00 in our favor at t close of the city fiscal year, April 15, 1897.

We closed our accounts on the 1st day of May, 1897; between these dat we deposited $33.00 with the city treasurer and issued vouchers on th officer for $579.64, thus showing a balance on our books in our favor $250.36.

SCHEDULE G.

Explanation of discrepancy of amount to be collected and credited to Fr Public Library and amount actually placed to its credit:

Amount apportioned	$7,500 00
Amount collected	7,158 77
Amount collected in April not reported.	
Amount uncollected	$ 341 23
From the above sum collected, the Common Council transferred out of the Free Public Library account the sum of	$ 250 00
And returned only the sum of	220 00
Showing the shortage exhibited in schedule E of	$ 30 00

EXHIBIT FROM CITY COMPTROLLER MARCH 31, 1898—SCHEDULE H.

Balance April 15, 1897	$ 797 00
Trans. added	220 00
Collections	7,158 77
From library	33 00
From Library	300 00
	$8,508 77
Paid	$7,250 22
Trans. deducted	250 00
Balance	1,002 55
	$8,508 77
Appropriated	$7,870 03
Transferred	250 00
Available	388 74
	$8,508 77

TREASURER CHAS. A. PFEIFFER'S ACCOUNT, SAME DATE.

Balance on hand May 15, 1897	$ 250 36
Collections by city	7,158 77
Deposit with city treasurer	300 00
	$7,709 13
Paid out, vouchers	$6,676 58
Balance	1,032 55
	$7,709 13

Above account calls for a balance to our credit with the City of St. Joseph of $1,032.55, while the comptroller's statement shows a balance in our favor of $1,002.55, the difference of $30.00 being accounted for by the city having borrowed $250.00 from the Library Fund and returning but $220.00.

As shown by *Schedule C*, no report of collections in favor of the Free Public Library, on account of the apportionment of $7,500.00, from taxes collected from April 1 to 19, 1898, the close of the city's fiscal year, was made.

According to a statement made to your treasurer by the comptroller's office, this and all other collections were, by action of the Common Council, transferred to the water service fund, as well as all remaining balances, among them the balance to the credit of the Free Public Library. We consequently lose:

Amount borrowed by the Council and not replaced, Schedule E	$30 00
Balance due us *on account of collection*	49 20
	$79 20

Which amount I would respectfully be asked from the new city administration, as money wrongly taken from our fund and obtained without our consent.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. A. PFEIFFER,
Treasurer.

May 1, 1898.

STATE OF MISSOURI, }
COUNTY OF BUCHANAN, } ss.

Before me, J. C. Hedenberg, a notary public in and for the county aforesaid, personally appeared Charles A. Pfeiffer, treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library of the City of St. Joseph, Mo., and made oath that the facts and figures above set forth are correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Given under my hand and seal this 12th day of May, 1898.

[SEAL.] J. C. HEDENBERG,
Notary Public.

My commission expires Nov. 13, 1901.

NOTE—On the 10th inst. I was furnished a statement from the office of the city comptroller to the effect that the Library proportion of the city taxes collected from April 1 to 19, had it been apportioned, would have amounted to $176.37, making a total of $255.57 still due to the Library fund on the apportionment for the fiscal year 1897-98.

CHAS. A. PFEIFFER,
Treasurer.

May 11, 1898.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library, St. Joseph, Mo.

GENTLEMEN: Herewith is presented the Eighth Annual Report of the librarian, being my second.

The year just closed has been a fairly prosperous one for the library. The circulation shows a slight decrease as compared with the preceding year; a larger number of volumes have been added to the library than in any previous year, and the institution generally is in good working order, the books being in better physical condition than twelve months ago.

INVENTORY RESULTS.

An inventory of the library has just been taken, being the first thorough one in several years. It shows that during the eight years of the library's existence 78 volumes are unaccounted for. Of this number, 44 have been taken from the reference room, over which there has never been anything but a passing surveillance. Of the remainder missing, it is believed that a considerable proportion will eventually be located.

VOLUMES IN LIBRARY.

By an accurate count from the corrected shelf lists it was ascertained that the library contains 14,859 volumes, 2,562 of which were added during the year, as follows: Donations, classified, 76; periodicals, bound, 188; U. S. Government books, 283; purchases, 2,005. Withdrawals for the same period were 868, of which 841 were worn out, 17 lost and paid for, 10 missing. The net gain for the year was 1,694 volumes. Of the 14,859 volumes in the library, 11,113 are in the circulating department, 1,387 in the reference department, 902 being Poole periodicals; and 2,359 in the U. S. Government department.

Accessions and withdrawals are classified as follows:

	Accessions	Withdrawals	Net Gain
General	3	2	1
Philosophy	10	...	10
Religion	65	...	65
Sociology	70	1	69
Philology	6	...	6
Natural science	51	3	48
Useful arts	39	1	38
Fine arts	25	...	25
Literature	136	11	125
History	182	8	174

	Added to stock	Withdrawn	Net gain
Travel	80	6	83
Biography	130	4	126
Bound magazines, reference	171	7	164
Bound magazines, circulating	17	[illegible]	[illegible]
Other reference works	98	2	96
German	28	15	13
Fiction	1,161	902	259
Government Deposits	238	...	238
Total	2,502	888	1,614

FINANCIAL.

Expenditures for the year were as follows, salaries and rent, owing a change in the by-laws making the library financial year close with that the city, are for but eleven and one-half months:

Salaries	$3,437 98	
Rent	409 40	
Printing and Stationery	124 75	
Postage	18 00	
Heat	108 24	
Insurance	90 00	
Repairs	9 00	
Furniture	181 85	
Binding	621 29	
Periodicals	361 17	
Books	1,903 65	
Janitor	240 00	
Miscellaneous	129 00	$7,629

LIBRARY COLLECTIONS—RECEIPTS.

Balance in librarian's hands May 1, 1897	$ 14 58	
Fines	309 24	
Catalogues	61 35	
Miscellaneous	92 43	$ 477

EXPENDITURES.

Deposited with treasurer	$ 325 00	
*Incidental Expenses	145 21	
Balance forward	7 39	$ 477

*The incidental expense account includes all postage of the library (other than printed postal cards), freight and cartage on books, delivery station expenses, the purchase of ink, pens, pencils, and like small supplies.

BORROWERS.

The number of borrowers' cards in force is 4,352, a small increase over last year. Cards expire every two years, and the number given is found by deducting from the total registration all cards expiring, together with cancellations for any cause, such as removal of holder or guarantor from city, failure to pay large fines, etc.

CIRCULATION.

The number of volumes issued for home use was 116,030, a decrease of 4,823 as compared with the year before, but an increase of 6,957 over that of the fiscal year ending 1896. The total issue, including reference issues, was 117,483, volumes issued from the circulating department for use in the reference room showing an increase of 50 per cent. No record is kept of use of reference books.

There was little change in the percentage of circulation of the different classes of books. Fiction shows a slight falling off, while a corresponding gain is noted in natural science, useful arts, literature, travel and periodicals.

Business depressions result in an increased use of the library, while general activity results otherwise. In periods of commercial quiet a large number of the unemployed naturally have more time for reading, and are liberal patrons of the free library. A return to normal conditions finds little idle time on their hands, preventing the giving of so much attention to books. An investigation among card-holders in three of our largest factories developed the fact that in 1896-7 hundreds of employes worked short hours, while during the past nine months they have worked full time or over time. The general interest in the war and the incidents leading thereto has caused many people to become more general newspaper readers, thus affecting the circulation of library books. Over one-half of the decrease in the number of books issued for home use during the year occurred during the last two months.

The average number of books issued to each card-holder during the year closing April 30, 1897, was a fraction under 28, while during the year just closed it was but 26.6. The library was open to the public 305 days, one day less than the year preceding. The number of volumes issued is equivalent to about 1.75 to each inhabitant.

Figuring the entire expense of the library (including books purchased and expenditures of every kind), against circulation, which does not take into account use of reference room books or periodicals in the reading room, the cost per volume issued was 6.5 cents, a decrease of .3 cent per volume. In view of the large expenditures for books, periodicals and furniture, this is gratifying.

The strenuous efforts in the past to improve the quality of fiction read continues, *and with pleasing results.* This is helped in a measure by a *discontinuance of the purchase of* many lower grade works, they not being *replaced when worn out.* This work of weeding out is in constant process.

and readers are perforce gradually led to better things. The policy pursued, I am pleased to say, has met with the hearty encouragement of the book committee and the endorsement of the board.

REFERENCE AND READING ROOMS.

The greatly increased use of the reference and reading rooms is more than pleasing, the larger number of people, young and old, coming to the former necessitating the placing of an extra table and additional chairs therein. A rearrangement of the stacks was also found necessary. The only discouraging feature is the continued loss of books. However, fewer have disappeared this year than usual, the result of the passage of an ordinance by the Common Council providing a heavy penalty for injuring or taking away without permission, any books, periodicals, etc., of the library. Other plans are in hand for preventing this loss of books and it is hoped that in the future this source of annoyance and expense will be reduced to a minimum.

More chairs were required and provided for the reading rooms as a result of the increased use, the newspapers provided by the Gazette and Herald Publishing companies, together with the periodicals purchased, being the attraction.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

The work with the schools is progressing favorably in all ways, limited only by the means at command. In addition to the placing of boxes of selected books in suburban schools, the shelves have been open to the teachers on all occasions practicable. Special reading lists are also kept up for the assistance of pupils in the high schools, including the history and literature classes, and they prove not only helpful to the young people but of great assistance to the desk attendants. In this connection, I would recommend that the rules permitting two books to be issued on one card to persons 18 years old or over be amended, so that pupils in the high schools, with the consent of their parents or guardians, may secure two books, an extra card to be issued to them as a school, non-fiction card. Had the library a sufficient number of volumes, I would recommend the entire abolishment of the age restriction.

DELIVERY STATIONS.

The delivery stations established the first of the year, on my recommendation, have fully demonstrated their need. These stations are located in the extreme northern, eastern and southern portions of the city. Station No. 1 is in the Elfred Pharmacy, 2824 St. Joseph avenue (Walker's addition), Frank S. Elfred, proprietor. Station No. 2 is in Wyatt Park Pharmacy, 2613 Lafayette street (Wyatt Park), Jacob M. Kock, manager, keeper. Station *No. 3 is in Feltenstein's* Pharmacy, Commercial street (South Park), Dr. D. *W. Feltenstein, proprietor.* Stations 1 and 2 are in branch postoffices, and

directly opposite one. The gentlemen named have not only given their services free in caring for the books, but have shown great interest in the library work. Mr. W. T. VanBrunt, manager of the street railway company, has given all the assistance possible, collecting and delivering the boxes of books by railway employes at a very small cost to the library. Deliveries and collections are made twice each week, books being brought to the library Tuesday and Friday mornings and returned the afternoon of the same days. On the first delivery there were but eight books; the second, eighteen; third, thirty-seven; and at the present time there are about sixty. The total number delivered to date through the stations is 1,640. This number would have been larger but for the fact that the stations are located in the same neighborhoods as are the school boxes. The cost, outside the making of the boxes, has been $16.50. Arrangements have just been made for establishing a delivery station in the rooms of the Y. W. C. A. for the exclusive use of workers among young women. This station will entail no expense beyond providing the delivery box.

There is a pressing necessity for at least one other station, on South Sixth street. Applications have also come in from Frederick avenue and South Eleventh street for the privilege of keeping the stations when established in those localities.

APPLICATION BOXES.

To overcome the difficulty of reaching people who for any reason were diffident about coming to the library and asking for application blanks, a neat, inexpensive hanging box, made of straw board, was devised, upon which was printed the following:

> FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.
>
> Tenth and Sylvanie Sts.
>
> BOOKS LOANED FREE.
>
> Take one of these applications, fill it out, have some real estate owner sign as your guarantor, then bring it to the library and books will be loaned you without charge.
>
> Library open from 8:30 a. m., to 9 p. m.

These boxes, filled with blank applications, have been placed in the larger factories, shops and stores, and the result has proven entirely satisfactory. As soon as the spring examinations in the schools are passed, a box will be placed in each school, in charge of the principal, and talks will be made to the pupils, explaining the library use, and it is hoped in this w

to get a sufficiently strong hold on the young folks during the vacation period to retain them during the school term for helpful reading.

JUVENILE ROOM.

It is daily becoming more apparent that the real work of the public library is with the youth of the country. In order to do this work effectually, especial attention must be given it. We are doing all that is possible under prevailing conditions, but until a juvenile room is provided, which the little people may feel is their own, and where they may go to the books on the selection of books such as may be chosen, would result in many more young people using the library, with great benefit to themselves, and in a short time the percentage of fiction issued from this library would show a large decrease.

LOCAL HISTORY.

Of the special work of the library, attention has been given to securing everything possible relating to the history of St. Joseph, Buchanan county and the Platte Purchase, embracing the Northwestern counties of the state. A number of volumes have been obtained, including interesting histories of Buchanan, Platte, Nodoway, Holt and Atchison counties, as well as other valuable documents. It is hoped in time to make this feature of value. This library has the only complete set of printed city ordinances known, copies of the first and second volumes printed having been secured only last week. It is pleasant to announce that of this collection, all but one volume were presented to the library.

BOOK RENEWALS BY TELEPHONE.

A departure which has seemed to please the patrons of the library was instituted last fall, it being the privilege of renewing books by telephone or postal card. The telephone has been used largely, and the plan has given great satisfaction. It causes little or no more work on the part of the attendants than would be entailed were the books or cards brought to the library. The patrons, however, are saved the walk up the hill. In renewing books by telephone, it is required that the applicant give name, number of card, number of book, and date issued. These are penciled on renewal slip blanks, printed on yellow paper, which are strapped to the book slip. These are then placed in the slip box, counted the next morning and placed back in the slip tray under the date originally issued. There is no trouble in locating them, and the yellow slip prevents them going on the fine list.

LIBRARY NOTES.

Work at the delivery desk has been simplified by adopting the one-slip *system. Work is* thus facilitated, and fewer charging errors occur.

in the rules regarding magazines, these now being issued for
of seven days, accounts for the increase of circulation noted in
nt.

ing of a "new book" shelf in close proximity to the delivery
h all new titles are placed, has been appreciated by the patrons,
readily see what new books are in at any time.

e year all the books in the circulating department have been
a uniform manner, the appearance of the library being thereby
proved.

tins, two of four, one of six and one of eight pages, containing
books, classified, were issued, the type being furnished, as
year, by the kindness of the Herald and Gazette Publishing
fter the lists had been published in their daily newspapers.

was made to classify the German books, but, owing to changes
his work was retarded, about one-half only being accomplished.
is expected that this summer will witness its completion.

nt books were rearranged and are now easily accessible, some
ing of great value. The set of Congressional Records is practi-
e, 145 volumes being secured during the year.

withdrawn, which were in fit condition, were placed in the
nt of the city, county jail, poor farm and city workhouse. A
agazines, etc., have also been placed in the rooms of the police

556 volumes sent to the bindery, 1,386 were for rebinding, 170
ines. In addition to this, a large number of volumes were
he library, several hundred being provided with leather backs,
prolonging their lives.

ts were gotten out as occasion seemed to warrant, those of books
, Cuba, Alaska and the Klondike country, being the most

e year Mr. Erle H. Merriman and Miss Stella Bushnell, of the
resigned to go to the Buffalo library, their places being filled
ary class.

will be found (1) classified table of circulation, (2) list of period-
nd (3) donations other than newspapers.

sistants in the library are due my sincere thanks in recognition
ng and hearty co-operation in all matters of library detail.

ordial endorsement and support of any plans proposed for the
of the library or its work, for their universal kindness and
members of the board of directors have placed me under many

Respectfully submitted,

PURD B. WRIGHT,

h, Mo., May 1, 1898. Librarian.

STATE OF MISSOURI, }
COUNTY OF BUCHANAN, } ss.

Before me, U. S. Grant Peabody, a notary public in and for the county aforesaid, personally appeared Purd B. Wright, librarian of the Free Public Library of the City of St. Joseph, Mo., and made oath that the facts and figures herein relating to receipts and expenditures, contents of library and books added, are correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

[SEAL.] U. S. GRANT PEABODY,

Commission expires Feb. 15, 1900. Notary Public.

(1)—CLASSIFIED TABLE OF CIRCULATION.

	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	Total	Per Cent
Philosophy	38	31	46	58	38	37	47	43	54	38	48	43	523	
Religion	66	41	54	52	36	74	49	47	62	70	66	72	689	
Sociology	69	52	34	45	31	30	49	28	68	73	73	61	618	
Philology	7	3	9	2	7	6	4	9	2	1	4	6	60	03.66
Natural science	56	50	60	65	66	89	96	103	120	117	142	99	1062	
Useful arts	39	24	26	37	44	39	44	43	52	51	63	62	524	
Fine arts	61	65	58	59	50	39	57	60	85	89	68	79	770	
Literature	338	261	249	251	226	291	387	314	376	456	389	301	3839	03.32
Travel	152	119	141	140	118	157	174	180	205	213	229	201	2029	01.76
Biography	167	128	120	120	118	166	172	217	181	169	219	167	1944	01.68
History	237	178	210	168	173	300	256	292	347	353	368	259	3141	02 71
Magazines	358	353	362	347	370	359	397	379	382	412	433	426	4578	03.94
German	325	246	251	254	231	296	283	336	326	315	332	318	3513	03.03
Fiction	7620	8013	9 43	8742	7343	7060	6873	6679	7 71	8739	8036	7409	92740	79.90
Total	9508	9564	10663	10340	8801	8993	8865	8706	10141	10396	10575	9478	116030	100.
Ref. use from circulat ng department	177	37	64	33	50	138	137	135	244	223	116	99	1453	.....
Total use	9685	9601	10737	10373	8851	9131	9002	8841	10385	10619	10691	9577	117483	.....
Days open	25	26	26	26	25	26	25	26	25	23	27	26	305	.....
Average daily issue	387	370	404	397	375	351	360	340	415	461	394	368	285	.....
Fine notices sent	122	157	110	95	105	121	119	157	122	90	111	135	1469	.....

(2) LIST OF PERIODICALS TAKEN.

QUARTERLY.

1 Cyclopaedic Review of Current History.

MONTHLY.

1 American Electrician.
1 American Teacher.
1 *American Medical Journalist.
1 Art Amateur.
2 Atlantic Monthly.
2 Blackwoods Magazine.
1 Bookman.
5 Century.
4 Cosmopolitan.
1 Cumlative Index.
2 Current Literature.
1 Eclectic Magazine.
1 Educational Review.
1 Fire and Water. (Gift.)
2 Forum.
5 Harper's.
1 Harper's Round Table.
1 Inland Printer.
1 Ladies' Home Journal.
1 Land of Sunshine. (Gift).
1 Library Journal.
3 Lippincott's.
1 Literary News.
1 McClure's.
1 Macmillan's.
1 *Medical Herald.
1 Missionary Review of the World.
3 Munsey's.
2 New England.
1 North American Review.
1 Outing.
1 Overland.
2 Popular Science.
2 Public Libraries.
2 Review of Reviews
3 St. Nicholas.
5 Scribner's.
1 *Vegetarian.
1 *Western Fruit Grower.

SEMI-MONTHLY.

1 Dial.

WEEKLY.

1 American. (Gift).
1 Athenaeum. London. England.
1 *Christian Intelligencer.
1 Christian Science Journal. (Gift).
1 *Critic.
1 *Democrat-Lever, Platt Mo.
2 Engineering Record. (G
1 Harper's Bazar.
1 Harper's Weekly.
1 *Leader. Plattsburg, Mo
1 Leslie's Weekly.
1 Illustrated American.
1 *Interstate Grocer, St. Mo.
1 *Journal of Commer Joseph.
1 Journal of Education.
1 *L. A. W. Bulletin an Roads.
1 *Ohio Merchant, Clevel
1 Outlook.
1 Parish Message. (Gift)
1 Public Opinion.
1 Publisher's Weekly.
1 School Journal.
1 Scientific American.
1 Scientific American ment.
1 *Shoe and Leather Gaz Louis.
1 *The Trader. (El Comer Mexico, Mex.
1 *Trade Regi t r, Seattle
1 Western Electrician.
1 Youth's Companion.

DAILY NEWSPAPER

(Donated by Herald and Gazette P

Atlanta (Ga.) Journal.
Baltimore (Md.) News.
Brooklyn (N. Y.) Times.
Buffalo (N. Y.) Evening Ne
Cameron (Mo.) Daily Sun.
Chicago (Ill.) Times-Herald.
Chillicothe (Mo) Constitution
Congressional Record (cour Congressman C. F. Coch
Denver (Colo.) Republican.
Des Moines (Ia.) Register.
Des Moines (Ia.) Capital.
Detroit (Mich.) Journal.
Freeport (Ill.) Democrat.
Hannibal (Mo.) Journal.
Jacksonville (Fla.) Times-U
Jefferson City (Mo.) Tribune
Kansas City (Kan.) Gazette.
Leavenworth (Kan.) Standar
Leavenworth (Kan.) Times.
Los Angeles (Cal.) Express.
Louisville (Ky.) Courier-Jou
Minneapolis (Minn.) Tribune

LIST OF PERIODICALS TAKEN—Cont'd.

DAILY NEWSPAPERS.

York Mail and Express.
a (Neb. Bee.
wa (Ia.) Courier.
lelphia (Pa.) Ledger.
lelphia (Pa.) Times.
lix (Ariz.) Republican.
'rancisco (Cal.) Bulletin.
a (Mo.) Capital.
a (Mo.) Democrat.
field (Mass.) Republican.
seph (Mo) Herald. (Herald b. Co.)
seph (Mo.) News. (News Pub. .)
seph (Mo.) Volksblatt. (Pubs.)
seph (Mo.) Live Stock Jour- L (Pubs.)
uis (Mo.) Chronicle.
uis (Mo.) Globe-Democrat.
uis (Mo.) Republic.
(O.) Blade.
ngton (D. C.) Post.
Superior (Wis.) Ledger.

OF MEDICAL JOURNALS.

ed by the St. Joseph Academy Medicine.
t and Neurologist.
can Medical Review.
can Medico-Surgical Bulletin
of Surgery.
es of Pediatrics.
Medical and Surgical Jour-

Bulletin of the American Academy of Medicine.
Chicago Medical Recorder.
Denver Medical Times.
International Journal of Surgery.
Iowa Medical Journal.
Journal of the American Medical Association.
Journal of Nervous and Mental Diseases.
Kansas City Medical Index.
Kansas City Medical Record.
Kansas Medical Journal.
Langsdale's Lancet.
Matthews' Medical Quarterly.
Medical and Surgical Reporter.
Medical Bulletin.
Medical Fortnightly.
Medical Mirror.
Medical News.
Medical Record.
Medical Review.
Medicine.
New York Medical Journal.
New York Polyclinic.
North American Practitioner.
Occidental Medical Times.
Omaha Clinic.
Pacific Medical Review.
Quarterly Journal of Inebriety.
St. Louis Medical and Surgical Journal.
Sanitarian.
University Medical Magazine.
Virginia Medical Monthly.
Weir's Index to the Medical Press
Western Medical Review.
Yale Medical Journal.

(3)—DONATIONS.

NAME	Nos.	Vols.	Pamp.
Anonymous		1	
Armour Institute, Chicago, Ill.			1
Beck, Joseph M., Philadelphia, Pa			2
Bender, John C St. Joseph, Mo		1	
Bittinger, John L., St. Joseph, Mo.		2	
Bittinger Mrs. John L St. Joseph, Mo. (Files Daily Herald)		1	
Boston Book Co., Boston, Mass	4		
Boston (Mass.) Public Library			1
Bronson Library, Waterbury, Conn.			2
Brooklyn (N. Y.) Library			1
Browne E. C., St. Joseph, Mo.	124		
Buffalo (N. Y.) Library		1	7
Bullard, Rev. Henry S., St. Joseph, Mo.		33	
Burton, James, St. Joseph, Mo.		16	
Carnegie Library Pittsburgh, Pa.			1
Carpenter's Company, Philadelphia, Pa.		2	
Cleveland (O.) Board of Education			1
Cochrn Hon C. F Washington D. C.			3
Common Council St. Joseph, Mo.		3	
Council Bluffs (Ia.) Free Public Library			1
Denver (Colo.) City Library			6
Detroit (Mich.) Public Library			1
Evanston (Ill.) Free Public Library			3
Forbes Library Northampton, Mass.			2
Girard, Stephen, Statue Company, Philadelphia, Pa.		1	
Gloversville (N. Y.) Free Library			1
Grand Rapids (Mich.) Public Library			1
Hartford (Conn.) Public Library			3
Herald Publishing Co. St. Joseph, Mo		2	
Hopkins, Rev. John St. Joseph, Mo.		13	
Hudson Kimberly Publishing Co., Kansas City, Mo.		1	
Indianapolis Ind Free Public Library			1
Indian Rights Association Philadelphia, Pa.			3
Jersey City (N. J.) Free Public Library			6
Joseph Ledge, No. 73, I. O. B. B., St. Joseph, Mo.		5	
Journal of Commerce, St. Joseph, Mo.		2	
Kane P. P. [illegible] factory inspector, St. Joseph, Mo.		1	
Kirk, John R., Superintendent Public Instruction, Jefferson City, Mo.		1	
Labrunerie V. E., St. Joseph Mo		1	
Lawrence (Mass.) Public Library			5
Leipcke & Finch (N. Y.) New York		1	
Liverpool (Eng.) Public Libraries Art Galleries and Museums			2
Macdonald C. St. Joseph Mo		1	
Martin, Miss Lizzie St. Joseph Mo		1	
Mercantile Library, Philadelphia, Pa			2
Mercantile Library, New York			12
Merriman E. H. St. Joseph Mo.		1	
Milne, J. M			1
Milwaukee (Wis.) Public Library		2	
Missouri State University, Columbia, Mo		2	
Missouri State Geologist		11	
Morton, Dr. Daniel D., St. Joseph, Mo.			3
Nash, Robert M. St. Joseph, Mo.		16	4
Newark (N. J.) Public Library			9
New Haven, Conn. Free Public Library			10
Newton (Mass.) Free Public Library			1
New York Public Library			10
Northwestern University, Evanston-Chicago, Ill			1
Ohio Library Commission, Columbus, O.			1
Omaha (Neb.) Public Library			3
Patterson (N. J.) Free Public Library			1
Perry, Miss Annie M., St. Joseph, Mo.		2	
Peoria (Ill.) Free Public Library			3
Philadelphia (Pa.) Public Library			1
Pratt Institute Library, Brooklyn, N. Y.			1
Providence (R. I.) Public Library			6
Quincy (Ill.) Public Library			1
Robinson Pauline E., Maryville, Mo.		1	
St. Louis (Mo.) Free Public Library	2		
Scranton (Pa.) Public Library			2
Schroer, Philip, St. Joseph, Mo.		11	
Seattle (Wash.) Public Library			1
Sedalia (Mo.) Free Public Library			1
State Library, New York		4	
Strong, John P., St. Joseph, Mo.	155	10	
Thurston, Hon. L. M.			
Toole, Wm. C., St. Joseph, Mo.			

NAME	No's.	Vols.	Pamp.
Trefz, Rev. E. F., St. Joseph, Mo.		1	
Tufts Library, Weymouth, Mass.			2
Warren County Literary and Reading Room Association, Monmouth, Ill.			
Wilson, Sidney, St. Joseph, Mo.	120		
Winthrop, Robert C., Boston, Mass.		1	
Wisconsin Library Commission			[illegible]
Worcester (Mass.) Free Public Library			
Wright, Purd B., St. Joseph, Mo.		5	

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:

GENTLEMEN: As required by law, the finance committee herewith submits for your consideration a report of the receipts and expenditures of the Free Public Library for the year ending April 30, 1898:

SPECIAL FUND—RECEIPTS.

Collections received from librarian		$ 325 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Deposited with city treasurer	$ 300 00	
Balance in hand Board treasurer	25 00	$ 325 00

GENERALD FUND—RECEIPTS.

Balance in hands city treasurer May 1, 1897	$ 250 36	
Collected to April 1 from apportionment of $7,500	7,158 77	
Deposited by Board treasurer from library collections	300 00	$7,709 13

EXPENDITURES.

Monthly bills as per vouchers	$7,629 93	
Amount withdrawn by Common Council	30 00	
Balance in hands city treasurer	49 20	$7,709 13

The library is also entitled to its proportion of the city collections from April 1 to 19, which is not included in the receipts as above. Steps will be taken to see that the library receives its proper share.

Under the revised by-laws, the library year now closes with that of the city, and no trouble will be experienced hereafter with vexatious balances, which have always been a source of trouble and annoyance.

The proposition to increase the proportion of taxes allotted the Library having failed to carry, your committee met, by appointment, the finance committee of the Common Council, asked for and was granted an apportionment of $7,200 for the ensuing year.

The accounts of the treasurer and librarian have been checked and found to be correct.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. H. MORLOCK.
CHAS. A. PFEIFFER.
LEWIS M. SMITH.
Finance Committee.

May 1, 1898.

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:

GENTLEMEN: An examination of the books in the Library shows their condition to be as good as their very large use will permit. Classification of the German department progresses favorably. The relabeling in uniform manner of all volumes in the circulating department has added much to the appearance thereof, while the rearrangement of the government books will make them more readily accessible. Improvements in the reference room should be appreciated by the users thereof.

Two changes in the library force occurred during the year, Mr. Erle H. Merriman and Miss Stella Bushnell resigning to accept positions in the Buffalo library. Miss Eudora Martin and Miss Miranda Olds, were appointed from the library class to fill the vacancies.

The work of the library staff has been such as to meet our hearty approval.

Respectfully submitted,

BARTON PITTS.
J. W. ATWILL.
JNO. DECLUE.
Administration Committee.

REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:

GENTLEMEN: During the year just closed 2,562 volumes were added to the library, as follows: Donations classified, 76; periodicals bound, 188; numbered 868, 841 wearing out, 17 lost and paid for, with 10 unaccounted for. The library contains at the present time 14,859 volumes, 11,113 being in the circulating department, 1,387 in the reference room, and 2,359 in the Government department. All purchases made met with the approval of the committee.

Continued care has been exercised in the selection of books, the effort being to purchase only those of the better class. Lack of means prevented the purchase of many volumes necessary for a library for students in special lines, but it is believed that the general worker may be well provided for.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. ATWILL.
H. K. WHITE.
J. L. LAWLESS.
Library Committee.

REPORT OF BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:

GENTLEMEN: Your Committee on Building and Grounds herewith submits a report of the expenditures in the department under their charge during the year, as required by the by-laws:

Rent	$ 409 40	
Janitor	240 00	
Insurance	90 00	
Fuel	103 24	
Furniture	181 85	
Repairs	9 60	
Water	40 00	
Ice	4 40	$1,078 49

The increased expenditure in the furniture account was occasioned by the necessity for book cases, tables and chairs. In this regard the library is now fairly well equipped.

During the year the committee and the librarian secured from the owners of the building needed improvements in the way painting, papering and a new hot-air furnace. Heretofore the library has been heated by stoves and grates. A saving of $85.36 was effected in fuel.

The Board continues under obligations to the Board of Park Commissioners and Park Superintendent Rau for plants with which the grounds are made very attractive. The interest of David McKinney, the janitor, in the care of the grounds, continues.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. A. PFEIFFER.
WM. H. MORLOCK.
J. L. LAWLESS.
Building and Grounds Committee.

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FISCAL YEAR
NDING APRIL 30, 1899.

NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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Free Public Library

St. Joseph, Mo.

OFFICERS.

President ..... John DeClue
Vice-President ..... Rev. J. L. Lawless
Secretary and Treasurer ..... Charles A. Pfeiffer

DIRECTORS.

Term Expiring 1899.	Term Expiring 1900.	Term Expiring 1901.
H. K. White,	John DeClue,	Dr. J. B. Riley,
Charles A. Pfeiffer,	L. M. Smith,	John M. Stewart
Rev. J. L. Lawless.	James A. McEvoy,	Charles P. Cargill.

COMMITTEES.

LIBRARY—White, Lawless and McEvoy.
ADMINISTRATION—DeClue, Stewart, Smith.
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS—Lawless, Riley, Pfeiffer.
FINANCE—Pfeiffer, Smith, Cargill.
BL-LAWS—McEvoy, White, Stewart.

LIBRARY STAFF.

Purd B. Wright, Librarian.

Lulu C. Senter, Assistant Librarian.

Assistants—Annie M. Perry, Cornelia L. Rathbun, Eudora Martin, Miranda Olds.

Messenger—Roy Whitmore.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of St. Joseph, Mo.:

Gentlemen: In accordance with the provisions of the law governing Free Public Libraries, I herewith present the Ninth Annual Report of the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library of the City of St. Joseph, Mo., for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1899.

The reports of the officers, committees and librarian, presented herewith, show what has been accomplished during the year. While the circulation of books was not so large as the year before, nor the growth of the library so extensive, most excellent reasons are given why it could hardly be otherwise. On account of the epidemic during the year, the library was closed two weeks, which naturally decreased its use, while the money at the command of the Board of Directors being less than for several years, prevented the purchase of as many books as heretofore. The members of the Board, however, feel that they have done the best possible with the means under their control, and express themselves as satisfied with the results.

As a result of the natural growth of the library, although necessarily slow, the present quarters are beginning to cramp the work attempted to be done. The Board of Directors is anxiously looking forward to the time when quarters more suitable for modern library work may be secured.

It is felt that the people generally are beginning to realize the real value of the library from a purely educational standpoint, and to acknowledge the vast help it gives in school work. This is one of the favorable conditions evolved from adverse circumstances.

A summary of the reports submitted herewith shows that the library now contains 17,256 volumes, a gain for the year of 1,455. Circulation for the twelve months past, 105,717.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. DeCLUE,
President.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1899.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library, St. Joseph, Mo.:

Gentlemen: Herewith is submitted a detailed report of the financial transactions of the Board for the fiscal year ending April 17, 1899:

SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT.

(Accruing from collections for fines, sale of catalogues and from other miscellaneous receipts, collected by the Librarian, minus amounts paid out by the Librarian for incidental expenses, principally for postage, express charges and similar minor expenditures; the statement of these collections and disbursements being rendered by the Librarian to the Board of Directors at their monthly meeting, and the surplus of the amount of money so collected is turned over to the Treasurer of the Board and accounted for in his statement):

SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT—RECEIPTS—SCHEDULE A.

1898.			
Apr.	14.	Received from Purd B. Wright, librarian	$ 25 00
May	12.	Received from Purd B. Wright, librarian	25 00
June	9.	Received from Purd B. Wright, librarian	25 00
July	13.	Received from Purd B. Wright, librarian	25 00
Aug.	11.	Received from Purd B. Wright, librarian	25 00
Sept.	8.	Received from Purd B. Wright, librarian	25 00
Oct.	13.	Received from Purd B. Wright, librarian	25 00
Nov.	10.	Received from Purd B. Wright, librarian	35 00
Dec.	8.	Received from Purd B. Wright, librarian	28 00
1899.			
Jan.	12.	Received from Purd B. Wright, librarian	28 00
Feb.	10.	Received from Purd B. Wright, librarian	25 00
Mar.	9.	Received from Purd B. Wright, librarian	28 00
Apr.	13.	Received from Purd B. Wright, librarian	21 00
			$340 00

?ECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT—DISBURSEMENTS—SCHEDULE B.

. Deposited with National Bank of St. Joseph	$ 25 00
. Deposited with National Bank of St. Joseph	25 00
. Deposited with National Bank of St. Joseph	25 00
. Deposited with National Bank of St. Joseph	25 00
. Deposited with National Bank of St. Joseph	25 00
. Deposited with National Bank of St. Joseph	25 00
. Deposited with National Bank of St. Joseph	25 00
. Deposited with National Bank of St. Joseph	35 00
. Deposited with National Bank of St. Joseph	28 00
. Deposited with National Bank of St. Joseph	28 00
. Deposited with National Bank of St. Joseph	25 00
. Deposited with National Bank of St. Joseph	28 00
. Deposited with National Bank of St. Joseph	21 00
	$340 00

Withdrawn, being amount of check favor of Rice D. Gilkey, City ·urer, to meet April vouchers allowed by the Board of Directors, and ·ally provided for by the Common Council of the City of St. Joseph, ... $154 69

·n hand, in National Bank of St. Joseph $185 31

:RAL REVENUE ACCOUNT—RECEIPTS—SCHEDULE C.

ipts from collections upon an apportionment made by the Common ·f the City of St. Joseph, Mo., of $7,200.00, and placed to the credit ee Public Library:

:ctions	$3,974 00
ections	340 77
ctions	279 14
ollections	452 34
r collections	378 72
collections	353 74
r collections	413 06
r collections	187 34
·ollections	200 88
collections	228 81
·llections	214 56
rom sinking fund	82 65
From special revenue account	154 69
	$7,261 10

GENERAL REVENUE ACCOUNT—DISBURSEMENTS—SCHEDULE D.

Expenditures, embracing salaries, rent, fuel, water, purchase of books and magazines, cost of binding and printing, and for the purchase of library supplies, as detailed in the separate vouchers on file with the City Auditor of the City of St. Joseph, Mo.:

1898.	
May vouchers	$ 545 59
June vouchers	490 85
July vouchers	625 85
August vouchers	656 11
September vouchers	498 63
October vouchers	619 67
November vouchers	836 18
December vouchers	554 69
1899.	
January vouchers	655 84
February vouchers	655 71
March vouchers	567 29
April vouchers	554 69
	$7,261 10

GENERAL REVENUE ACCOUNT—RECEIPTS—SCHEDULE A. GENERAL STATEMENT.

The City of St. Joseph, Mo., should have placed to the credit of the Free Public Library, at the beginning of this fiscal year, the sum of money due it from the previous year, towit:

Amount of money borrowed by Common Council and not replaced	$ 30 00
Balance due on account of collections, 1897-98	49 20
All of collections to the credit of Free Public Library from April 1 to 19, 1898	176 37
	$255 57

The Finance Committee, together with the Librarian, waited upon the Finance Committee of the Common Council at the beginning of the fiscal year and sought to have this sum placed to the credit of the Free Public Library, because the sum mentioned was wrongfully withheld, but the effort proved unsuccessful.

The apportionment made the previous year was $7,500; the Finance Committee of the Common Council reduced the apportionment to the credit of the Free Public Library to the sum of $7,200 for the present fiscal year, but placed to our credit only the sum of $7,106.41, leaving another balance due the Free Public Library of $93.59, or a total sum of $349.16 for the past two years.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. A. PFEIFFER,

May 1, 1899. Treasurer.

F MISSOURI,
of Buchanan. } ss.

ne, J. C. Hedenberg, a notary public in and for the County afore-
ally appeared Charles A. Pfeiffer, Treasurer of the Board of
f the Free Public Library of the City of St. Joseph, Mo., and
hat the facts and figures above set forth are correct to the best
ledge and belief.
nder my hand and seal this 4th day of May, 1899.

J. C. HEDENBERG,
Notary Public.

mission expires Nov. 13th, 1901.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library of the City of St. Joseph, Mo:

Gentlemen: As required by the by-laws of the Board, I herewith present the Ninth Annual Report of the Librarian, for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1899:

The year has been an unusual one in the history of the library, inasmuch as the conditions with which it has contended were somewhat out of the ordinary. The beginning of the Spanish-American war affected the circulation of this library, as it did that of all libraries of which reports have come to hand. With the ceasing of hostilities, library work resumed its normal course, and the issue of books for September, 1898, showed the first increase reported for several months. Our trouble was scarcely over, however, for at this time cases of diphtheria became quite numerous, and in October it was declared epidemic by the board of health. Notwithstanding the fact that reports were being received by the library from the healtth department twice each day, and that every precaution was being taken to prevent the spread of the disease through library books, the health officer deemed it advisable that the issue of books for home use be discontinued, and closed the library for a period of two weeks (Oct. 24-Nov. 5), the public schools being closed during the same period. No books were issued during this time, the reference and reading rooms being kept open for use of adults only. While this caused a material reduction in the circulation for the year, the greatest harm resulted from many timid people not using the library through fear of contagion after the disease had abated. The health officer not only approved but cheerfully aided to the extent of his power in all plans for the protection of the library. In reaching the class of people last mentioned, much of the library work must be done over. While all of these readers have not returned, they are slowly doing so. Notwithstanding these drawbacks, the work of the year is not without some most encouraging features.

While the number of volumes issued for home use was but 104,[illegible]46, a decrease of 11,884 as compared with the previous year, the use of books in the reference room from the circulating department was gratifying, the increase being about 8 per cent. An interesting feature of the circulation statistics is that of the total decrease noted, 11,767 was in fiction, and an additional decrease in the lighter current periodicals, thus presenting a gain in other classes. The most noticeable change is in the percentages column, fiction declining 2.14 per cent, while other classes show gains, this being especially marked in history, literature and travel.

The number of borrowers' cards in active use is 4,284, a slight decrease. This condition is possibly accounted for by the failure of many to renew cards which expired during the epidemic, and by the further fact that all cards held in South St. Joseph, outside the city limits, and not paid for, were called in. This little suburb had heretofore been permitted use of the library, but its rapid growth and the large increase in the call for cards caused a strict enforcement of the rules. This was done on account of the [illegible]

library to meet the demands of those legally entitled to its use.
ging the entire expense of conducting the library to home circula-
cost per volume issued was 6.9 cents.
volumes in the circulating department, exclusive of current period-
e issued from the library an average slightly in excess of eight times.
ssions to the library during the year numbered 1807, of which 97
ated, 236 periodicals bound, 1314 purchased, and 160 deposited by
d States government. Withdrawals for the same period were 352,
ne net increase 1455 volumes. Total number of volumes now in the
7,226, classed as follows: Circulation, 13,034; reference, 1,703; gov-
2,519.
delivery stations have demonstrated their popularity, 5,592 volumes
en circulated through them. The stations continue as heretofore, in
Addition, Wyatt Park and South Park, deliveries being made twice
, as at first inaugurated. The use of the stations increases steadily,
d be more marked if deliveries could be arranged for oftener.
Frank S. Elfred, J. S. Kock and Dr. D. W. Feltenstein show their
n the library by continuing as keepers of the stations.
comparatively few volumes that could be spared from the library for
in the schools through means of school boxes, necessitated some
angement, as it was deemed unfair to place all the copies of certain
d popular books in a few schools, thus depriving pupils of other
who might come to the library, of any of these books. To remedy
r as possible, a list of books was prepared, being arranged by classes,
tated, making a printed pamphlet of twenty pages, of which 3,500
ere distributed among the pupils of the old first, second and third
now the eighth, seventh and sixth). The library staff was assisted
sk of selection by committees of three teachers each, appointed at
st, by Prof. E. B. Neely, superintendent of the public schools; the
e being represented by Misses Brennan, Peale and Cole; the second
s Schmitz and Wall and Mrs. Horn; and the third by Misses Senter
y and Mrs. McClelland. To give these lists a fair trial no books
ced in the schools. Results have proven the success of the plan.
equest of teachers an extended list will be prepard for the ensuing
ar. Boxes of books will also be placed in certain schools which are
ved from the library or the delivery stations. The work with the
ol continues satisfactory, new lists being prepared for the different
ch year.
ttempt to interest the younger generation in books other than mere
esulted in the experiment of placing all the books, periodicals and
n the library relating to natural history in the directors' room and
it open for three days. The daily newspapers kindly gave space to
ments of "Nature Day at the Library," and the result was that,
ne fact that it was advertised but a few days, the room was crowded
rested little folks. The experiment proved so satisfactory that it
epeated this year directly after the summer vacation begins, but on
omprehensive scale.
ugh the kindness of Mr. F. Thomas Ransom, of this city, chief clerk
issouri Geological Department, the library has obtained many state
ns which it had been unable heretofore to secure. The work out-

lined for the ensuing year includes the cataloging and making accessible to the public the Missouri collection.

Mr. E. O. Wild, editor of the Journal of Commerce, has placed the library under obligations by aiding it to secure Warner's Library of the World's Best Literature," in thirty volumes. Other donations of especial value were from Joseph Lodge No. 72, I. O. B. B., and the American Book Co.

At the beginning of the year a "Supplement to the classified list of the circulating department," comprising additions from July 1, 1896, to April 1, 1898, was issued, being printed from the linotype slugs furnished the library by the Gazette and Herald Publishing Companies for bulletins, after use in the respective newspapers. During the year four bulletins of new books have been issued, compiled from newspaper lists as heretofore reported, the slugs being furnished by the newspapers named. All the newspapers of the city have shown a warm interest in the library and its work, publishing announcements from time to time as matters of news. The fiction shelf list of the library having been originally written in books, has caused considerable trouble and annoyance. It having been found necessary to prepare a new shelf list, cards were adopted, and the list is now completed, and it is hoped and believed will cause no trouble in the future. New shelf lists will also be made for the reference room.

A feature recently inaugurated was the preparation of "sick room collections," being numbers of illustrated papers, magazines, etc., for use especially by convalescents. While these collections are not permitted to be used in the case of cantagious diseases, the library is always willing to supply something for those so afflicted to read, the only requirement being that the reading matter so supplied be destroyed.

Of the 1113 books sent to the bindery, 877 were for rebinding, and 236 were periodicals.

Books withdrawn from circulation on account of their worn condition continue to be placed with the fire department, city hospital, county jail and poor farm, where additional use is obtained from them.

But two volumes are unaccounted for from the reference room this year, the smallest number missing in the history of the library. These two being bound volumes of a story magazine, hopes are entertained that they will be returned. The plan adopted by Mr. Wilcox, librarian of the Peoria (Ill.) public library--warning slips pasted on the front cover of each volume, containing an excerpt from the city ordinances--was tried, with the success noted.

On the pages following will be found (1) the financial statement, (2) accessions, (3) classified table of circulation, (4) list of donations, and (5) new Missouri library law.

The work of the library force and the library class has been such as to merit hearty commendation at my hands.

Before concluding, I cannot refrain from speaking again of the work done by this library, hampered as it is by unpopular location and the utter unsuitableness of the building for library purposes.

Permit me to express my thanks to the members of the Board for their kindly consideration nad hearty support in all matters affecting the library.

Respectfully submitted,

PURD B. WRIGHT,

Librarian.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1899.

STATE OF MISSOURI,
County of Buchanan. } ss.

Before me, Edward S. Douglas, a notary public in and for the county aforesaid, personally appeared Purd B. Wright, librarian of the Free Public Library of the City of St. Joseph, Mo., and made oath that the facts and figures herein relating to receipts and expenditures, contents of library and books added, are correct to the best of his knoledge and belief.

EDWARD S. DOUGLAS,
Notary Public.

Given under my hand and seal this 5th day of May, A. D., 1899. Commission expires Nov. 16, 1900.

(1)—FINANCIAL.

Department Expenditures.

Salaries library employes	$3,815 36	
Books	1,399 64	
Periodicals	378 22	
Binding	596 21	
Rent	269 75	
Heat	122 67	
Janitor	240 00	
Printing and stationery	171 35	
Postage	21 00	
Furniture	35 50	
Repairs	15 60	
Insurance	75 00	
Miscellaneous	122 80	$7,261 10

LIBRARY COLLECTIONS.

RECEIPTS.

Brought forward	$ 7 39	
Received from fines	361 15	
Catalogues and supplements	59 60	
Miscellaneous sources	72 83	$ 500 97

DISBURSEMENTS.

Deposited with Treasurer	$ 315 00	
*Incidental expenses	183 48	
Forward	2 49	$ 500 97

*The incidental expense account includes all postage of the library other than printed postal cards, freight, cartage and express on books, delivery station expenses, the purchase of ink, pens, pencils and like small supplies.

(2)—ACCESSIONS.

Number volumes reported April 30, 1898		14,859	
Books reported missing found		31	
Not classified and not heretofore reported		918	15,808
Accessions April 30, 1898-April 30, 1899:			
Purchased	1,314		
Periodicals bound	236		
Donations classified	97		
Government deposits	160	1,807	

Less withdrawals:			
Worn out	344		
Burned (contagion)	4		
Lost and paid for	4		
Missing	7	359	
Net increase for the year			1,448
Total volumes in library not counting seven missing volumes, but likely to be located			17,256

ACCESSIONS AND WITHDRAWALS CLASSIFIED YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1899.

	Accessions.	Withdr'l's.	Net G'ns.
General	7	....	7
Philosophy	13	....	13
Religion	30	....	30
Sociology	68	....	68
Philology	4	....	4
Natural Science	46	....	46
Useful Arts	43	....	43
Fine Arts	15	1	14
Literature	92	4	88
Travel	76	1	75
Biography	98	....	98
History	122	3	119
Bound Periodicals, reference	265	2	263
Bound Periodicals, circulating	14	1	13
Other reference volumes	69	....	69
Fiction	618	338	280
Government deposits	160	....	160
Total	1,807	352	1,455

(3)—CLASSIFIED TABLE OF CIRCULATION.

	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	Total	Per Cent.
General	6	11	11	9	12	24	24	48	57	74	47	46	349	04.40
Philosophy	38	24	31	37	44	31	35	45	31	50	78	61	505	
Religion	33	48	38	50	63	60	57	61	71	68	57	50	665	
Sociology	41	42	33	38	39	33	46	57	70	68	70	62	599	
Philology	5	10	6	4	6	1	1	4	6	5	9	7	68	
Natural Science	72	61	51	66	73	54	62	88	126	128	123	103	1027	
Useful Arts	30	51	30	45	52	33	51	51	48	67	46	56	570	
Fine Arts	38	54	92	82	68	41	50	66	68	66	94	66	785	
Literature	279	253	264	272	252	282	333	399	446	410	426	357	4004	03.84
Travel	152	159	173	160	179	134	139	235	264	257	230	260	2433	02 33
Biography	151	136	108	97	110	130	131	184	212	216	221	156	1849	01 77
History	220	221	214	206	238	216	233	209	326	307	326	248	3047	02 92
Periodicals, current	387	356	376	384	415	254	327	380	394	330	446	370	4379	04 20
German	257	254	271	276	270	210	159	235	294	244	246	167	2893	02.78
Fiction	6561	7213	7683	7683	7008	4355	4180	6402	7212	7079	7945	7 223	80973	77.76
Total	8263	8903	9379	9429	8857	5856	6128	8555	9964	9379	10415	9320	104146	100 00
Ref. use from circulating department	99	87	75	69	38	195	210	117	174	118	201	188	1571	
Total use	8362	8990	9454	9498	8895	6051	6338	8672	9838	9497	10616	9508	105717	
Days Open	24	26	25	26	25	19	20	26	25	24	24	25	289	
Average Daily Issue	348	346	378	365	356	320	316	333	393	395	442	380	360	

(4)—DONATIONS.

Vols.	Nos.	Pamp.	NAME
21	...	...	American Book Co., Chicago.
...	...	1	American-Irish Historical Society, Washington, D. C.
...	...	16	Aguilar Free Library, N. Y.
1	...	...	Bell, M. F., Adjutant-General of Missouri.
...	3	...	Boston Book Co., Boston, Mass.
10	...	...	Brockett, J. W., St. Joseph, Mo.
...	12	...	Browne, Mrs. E. C., St. Joseph, Mo.
...	...	1	Brooklyn (N. Y.) Free Library.
...	...	3	Buffalo (N. Y.) Public Library.
...	...	2	Canada—Minister of Agriculture.
...	...	1	Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa.
...	...	1	Cedar Rapids (Iowa) Public Library.
...	...	1	Chicago (Ill.) Public Library.
1	...	...	Clarke, H. M., St. Joseph, Mo.
...	...	1	Cleveland (O.) Public Schools.
...	...	3	Denver (Colo.) City Library.
...	...	1	Depew, Chauncey M., New York.
...	...	1	Detroit (Mich.) Public Library.
1	...	...	Dexter, Mary, Cincinnati, O.
...	...	1	Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, Md.
...	...	1	Evanston (Ill.) Free Public Library.
1	...	...	Finley, W. W., Southern Railway Co., Washington, D. C.
...	...	1	Forbes Library, Northampton, Mass.
1	...	...	Girard College, Philadelphia, Pa.
...	...	1	Gloversville (N. Y.) Public Library.
1	...	...	Hanna, H. H., chairman executive committee, Indianapolis Monetary Conference, 1898.
...	...	1	Grand Rapids (Mich.) Public Library.
...	...	8	Hartford (Conn.) Public Library.
...	...	2	Hartford (Conn.) Theological Seminary.
...	...	2	Helena (Mont.) Public Library.
...	...	11	Jersey City (N. J.) Free Public Library.
4	...	...	Joseph Lodge, No. 72, I. O. B. B., St. Joseph, Mo.
3	...	...	Kane, M. M., Chief Fire Department and Deputy State Factory Inspector.
1	...	...	Kansas City (Mo.) Public Library.
1	...	...	Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka, Kan.
...	...	1	Kirksville (Mo.) State Normal School.
...	...	3	Lawrence (Kan.) Public Library.
1	...	...	Libbey Glass Co., Toledo, O.
...	...	1	Leipziger, Henry M., Ph. D., New York.
...	...	3	Library Company of Philadelphia, Pa.
...	...	1	Managers Missouri State Insane Asylum No. 1, Fulton, Mo.
...	...	1	Managers State Reform School for Boys, Booneville, Mo.
1	...	...	Martin, Miss Eudora, St. Joseph, Mo.
...	...	1	McCormick Reaper Co.
...	...	1	Mercantile Library, New York.
...	...	1	Mercantile Library, Philadelphia, Pa.
...	...	3	Milwaukee (Wis.) Public Library.
1	...	...	Missouri State Auditor.
...	...	8	Missouri State Board of Agriculture, Jefferson City, Mo.
3	...	...	Morton, Dr. Daniel, St. Joseph, Mo.
1	...	...	Muir, Henry D., Chicago, Ill.
...	...	10	Newark (N. J.) Free Public Library.
...	...	11	New Haven (Conn.) Free Public Library.
...	...	2	Newberry Library, Chicago, Ill.
...	...	12	New York Public Library.
...	...	6	Omaha (Neb.) Free Public Library.
1	...	...	Palmer, Mrs. C. F. New York.
...	...	7	Park College, Parkville, Mo.
...	...	1	Paterson (N. J.) Free Public Library.
...	...	1	Peabody Institute, Danvers, Mass.
...	...	3	Peoria (Ill.) Public Library.
...	...	1	Pratt Institute Free Public Library, Brooklyn, N. Y.
...	...	12	Providence (R. I.) Public Library.
...	...	2	Salem (Mass.) Free Public Library.
...	...	4	Scranton (Pa.) Public Library.
...	...	1	Sedalia (Mo.) Public Library.
1	...	...	Simms, J. D.
...	...	1	Society of Friends, Philadelphia, Pa.
...	...	7	Society of Springfield (Mass.) City Library Association.
...	...	1	Stiles, L. O., St. Joseph, Mo.
...	...	1	Syracuse (N. Y.) Central Library.
...	...	1	Toronto Public Library.
...	...	1	Towle Manufacturing Co., Newburyport, Mass.
...	...	1	Tufts Library, Weymouth, Mass.
160	52	232	*United States Departments.*
...	...	2	*Warren County (Ill.) Library and Reading Room Association*
...	...	2	*Wisconsin Free Library Commission.*
...	...	1	*Worcester (Mass.) Free Public Library.*

(5)—NEW MISSOURI LIBRARY LAW.

The difficulty of securing a sufficient number of votes to establish Free Public Libraries in the state of Missouri, on account of the law requiring a majority of all votes cast on any proposition at an election, caused the following amendments to be written and submitted to the legislature. It will be seen that under this law it will be necessary to secure a majority of the voters voting on the library measure, either to establish a library or increase the amount of taxes allowed a library already established. Also that it permits counties to secure the use of such libraries by contract between the county courts and the library boards. The bill was passed, signed by the governor and is now a law, an emergency clause being attached:

AN ACT repealing Section 1779, of Chapter 31, of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, 1889, enacting a new section in lieu thereof, and also enacting a new section to be known as section 1789A, in relation to free public libraries and the use thereof.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section 1: That section 1779, of Chapter 31, of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, 1889, be and the same is hereby repealed and the following section enacted in lieu thereof:

"Sec. 1779. When one hundred tax-paying voters of any incorporated city shall petition the mayor and common council asking that an annual tax be levied for the establishment and maintenance of a free public library in such incorporated city, and shall specify in their petition a rate of taxation, not to exceed one mill on the dollar annually, and in cities of over one hundred thousand inhabitants not to exceed two-fifths of one mill annually, on all the taxable property in the city, such mayor and common council shall direct the proper officer to give notice in his next legal notice of the annual election, or special election which may be called for the purpose of voting on such question, that at such election every voter may vote "for a —— mill tax for a free public library;" or "against a — mill tax for a free public library;" specifying in such notice the rate of taxation mentioned in said petition; and if the majority of votes cast on such proposition shall be "for the tax for the free public library," the tax specified in such notice shall be levied and collected in like manner with other general taxes of such incorporated city, and shall be known as the "library fund": Provided, that such tax shall cease in case the legal voters of any such incorporated city shall so determine, by a majority vote, at any annual election held therein."

Section 2. That a new section, to be known as Section 1789A, is hereby enacted, as follows:

"Section 1789A. The County Court in any County wherein is situated an incorporated city containing a free public library, whenever petitioned by one hundred or more tax-paying citizens of said city, and one hundred or more tax-paying citizens of said county residing outside of said city, for the use by the citizens of said county residing outside of said city, of said library, shall have the right to contract with the officers of said library for such use thereof by said citizens of said county residing outside of the city, and to appropriate moneys from the county revenue of said county therefor; and thereafter to continue such contract or renewals thereof from year to year;

Provided, that the annual amount so contracted to be paid and appropriated shall not exceed 3 per cent of the county revenue for the year out of which payment is to be made."

Section 3. The fact that there are cities contemplating voting on the establishment of free public libraries, and that certain counties desire to secure the right to use libraries in cities, from which they are now barred, constitutes an emergency within the meaning of the constitution; therefore, this bill shall become a law from and after its passage.

REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:

Gentlemen: During the year just closed 1897 volumes have been added to the library, as follows: 1314 purchased, 97 donated, 236 periodicals bound, and 160 deposited by government. Withdrawals, 352; 344 worn out, 4 burned on account of contagion, 4 lost and paid for. Net increase, including 7 missing volumes, 1455. The library contains 17,256 volumes.

The inability of the library to meet the increasing needs of its patrons is more keenly felt each year. The only remedy is an increase in library funds, not hoped for during the coming year. The entire amount at the disposal of the board for new books could be used to advantage for some years in the expenditures for books and periodicals for the reference room alone, so large is the use of this department.

In many places persons interested in special lines of study or work frequently endow the departments appealing to them, thus permitting their more rapid extension. This has not as yet been done in St. Joseph, but the attention of thinking people is called to the plan in the hopes that it may receive consideration.

The committee feels that its work has been as well done as the means at its hands has permitted. Due care has been exercised in the purchases made, and all additions have been approved.

Respectfully submitted,

H. K. WHITE,
J. L. LAWLESS,
J. A. McEVOY,
Library Committee.

May 1, 1899.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:

Gentlemen: The reports of the Treasurer of the Board and the Librarian have been examined and found to be correct, setting forth in detail the receipts and expenditures for the year.

At the first of the year the committee endeavored to secure from the finance committee of the council an appropriation covering the balance due the library accruing during two years, but was not successful, the library being placed on the same *basis as other* departments, and compelled to stand its *proportion of the amount not* collected according to the apportionment.

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TENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

OF THE

CITY OF ST. JOSEPH, MO.

Fiscal Year Ending
April 30, 1900.

PROPOSED FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY,
ST. JOSEPH, MO.

OFFICERS.

President ..... J. W. Atwill
Vice-President ..... John M. Stewart
Secretary and Treasurer ..... Charles A. Pfeiffer

DIRECTORS.

Term Expiring 1900.	Term Expiring 1901.	Term Expiring 1902.
J. W. Atwill.	Dr. J. B. Riley.	H. K. White.
L. M. Smith,	John M. Stewart,	Charles A. Pfeiffer,
James A. McEvoy.	Charles P. Cargill.	James H. McCord.

COMMITTEES.

LIBRARY—White, Atwill, McEvoy.
ADMINISTRATION—Stewart, Smith, Cargill.
BUILDING AND GROUNDS—Riley, Pfeiffer, McCord.
FINANCE—Pfeiffer, Smith, Cargill.
BY-LAWS—McEvoy, White, Stewart.

LIBRARY EMPLOYES.

Purd B. Wright, Librarian.

Lulu C. Senter, Assistant Librarian.

General Assistants—Annie M. Perry, Cornelia L. Rathbun, Eudora Martin, Miranda Olds.

Messenger—Roy Whitmore.

Janitor—F. G. Burgderfer.

JOHN DECLUE.

A member of the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library of the City of St. Joseph since 1891, and President since 1896, departed this life on the 23d day of October, 1899.

The surviving members adopt this minute for preservation upon the records of the Board.

We recognize his faithful services while one of our number; he was punctual and regular in his attendance upon meetings of the Board; he was painstaking in ascertaining the needs of the library, and wise in his counsels. Clearness of his own convictions did not prevent him from being patient during discussions when differing views were presented and argued. As presiding officer, he was courteous and just in all of his rulings.

He was an earnest believer in the library, and was glad to plan for its enlargement and perpetuity, and he hoped much for its increasing value as an educational force in the community.

We have parted from him with sincere sorrow, knowing that we shall miss his presence from our councils; and we assure his family of our unfeigned sympathies.

Adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors, November 9, 1899.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of St. Joseph, Mo.

Gentlemen: In presenting this, the tenth. annual report of the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library of the City of St. Joseph, being for the year ending April 30, 1900, I cannot refrain from congratulating the people on their recognition of the urgent need of this institution for a permanent home, and expressing a feeling of gratification at the unanimity of opinion as shown at the polls on the proposition which carried $100,000 in bonds for a library building containing the offices of the school board. The fact that the building to be erected was made possible by the action of the school authorities in submitting the question to the people, when the library is in no way officially connected with the schools. is a great compliment to the library, and is taken to mean that the work of this institution on educational lines meets with recognition and approval, while the large vote cast for it in the midst of a hardly contested political campaign, but two days after another special election, indicates the high regard in which it is held by the people.

While everyone who has been connected with the library from its inception is entitled to his or her full share of the credit for the happy result, it is perhaps not invidious to say that to the energy and strong personal interest shown by the present librarian, Mr. Wright, are present conditions largely due. To his many hours of careful planning, anxious work and zealous efforts to interest the people, I bear cheerful witness.

Results obtained show an increase in the usefulness of the library, as will be seen by a perusal of the reports herewith presented.

The librarian calls attention to one fact in his report which is worthy of careful consideration, and that is the lack of means to place library work in St. Joseph at least on a par with other cities of similar size—to make it more fully meet the wants of an intelligent and discriminating public. In calling attention to the large yearly circulation of the volumes comprising this library, it is said to be not necessarily complimentary to St. Joseph, as it does not also mean a large use of books by our people, while it does indicate unmistakably too few books to meet the demand, and that these few are kept in too active use. This is only to be remedied by asking for and securing a larger proportion of taxes paid into the general administration fund of the city. The field the library is attempting to occupy grows more rapidly than does the library, and this institution, instead of leading, as it should, is at times forced to its utmost in the endeavor to keep up.

I believe that many books now practically useless in the hands of many people in St. Joseph, through having been read and laid aside, or outgrown, or for other reasons are not used, would be of great assistance to the public through being given to the library, and think some effort should be made to make this fact generally known.

All over the country libraries are being recognized almost daily as most worthy means through which to benefit the masses through endowments and bequests to be expended in their behalf, and it is to be hoped that the St. Joseph library will not be among the last to be used in furtherance of such a worthy purpose. To some of our citizens of means it should appear a pleasure to aid in the work of education and general progress attempted through the local library.

In the death of President John DeClue, last fall, the Board of Directors of this library lost a most active and interested member, wise counselor, and just presiding officer. The resolutions adopted at the meeting following his death accompany these reports as a small tribute to his long service and known interest in the library's work.

With the new building, situated more centrally, there will unquestionably be an increase in the demands made upon the public library, and with this in view we ask that any efforts which may be made in the future looking to an increase in the amount to be set aside for library use, be accorded your hearty and undivided support.

The reports which follow give in detail all the operations of the library, including its use, cost of operating, and some earnest recommendations. Their careful perusal is respectfully requested. Very truly,

J. W. ATWILL,
President Board of Directors, Public Library.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1900.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library, St. Joseph, Mo.

Gentlemen: Herewith is submitted a detailed report of the financial transactions of the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library during the fiscal year ending April 16th, 1900, embracing all receipts and expenditures from the 17th of April, 1899, to the 16th of April, 1900:

DETAILS OF STATEMENT BY TREASURER FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.—SCHEDULE A.

The amount of money in the hands of the City Treasurer, collected and available for library purposes at the close of the fiscal year being insufficient to meet the April expenditures of the Library Board, it was decided by the Library Directors in session to take from its Special Revenue Fund the amount necessary to cover the deficiency, and pay same over to the City Treasurer. This was done April 15th, 1899,

The amount being	$ 154 69	
The City Treasurer then paid outstanding vouchers dated April 13th, 1899, in favor of		
A. C. McClurg & Co., for books		$ 69 82
Chas. Scribner & Sons, for books		3 32
William Schroeder, for books		2 40
W. B. McNutt, for binding		41 55
Hyatt Coal Co., for coal		21 15
Library Bureau, for supplies		16 45
	$ 154 69	$ 154 69

EXPLANATION OF COMPTROLLER'S MONTHLY STATEMENT OF MAY 31, 1899.—SCHEDULE B.

Contains an unexpended appropriation from expired fiscal year of $55.00, in hands of City Treasurer, belonging to the Free Public Library, and noted as "Transfers added" in Comptroller's statement of May 31, 1899	$ 55 00	
This sum was absorbed by outstanding vouchers in favor of		
April 13, 1899. Due Burnes estate for rent		$ 50 00
Due Granville Adkins for books....		2 00
Due Lon Hardman for printing....		3 00
	$ 55 00	$ 55 00

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF TREASURER FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND THE STATEMENT SHOWN BY CITY COMPTROLLER ON MAY 31, 1899.—SCHEDULE C.

Comptroller shows amount apportioned for Library purposes, $7,200.00, and of this sum collected		$ 4,250 12
The above sum represents two items, viz.:		
A check dated April 15th, 1899, in favor of Rice D. Gilkey, City Treasurer, upon the National Bank of St. Joseph, issued by the Treasurer of the Free Public Library	$ 154 69	
And collections from taxes	4,095 43	
	$ 4,250 12	$ 4,250 12

GENERAL REVENUE ACCOUNT.—RECEIPTS.—SCHEDULE D.

Receipts from tax collections, upon an apportionment made by the Common Council of the City of St. Joseph, Mo.; of $7,200.00, and placed to the credit of the Free Public Library as collected:

1899 May 31, In hands of City Treasurer, see Schedule A	$ 154	69
May 31, Collections	4,095	43
June	371	30
July	317	44
August	550	20
September	376	56
October	373	75
November	410	19
December	162	79
1900 January	222	91
February	200	45
March and April	118	17
April 4th, deposited with City Treasurer amount received from Treasurer Free Public Library	475	00
	$ 7,829	69

REVENUE ACCOUNT.—DISBURSEMENTS.—SCHEDULE E.

tures embracing salaries, rent, fuel, water and coal, the purks, periodicals and magazines, cost of binding and for sundry led, all accounted for in detail on separate vouchers, endorsed nce Committee of the Free Public Library, approved by its id on file with the Auditor of the City of St. Joseph, Mo.

1 April vouchers, see Schedule A	$ 154 69
ouchers	599 99
ouchers	611 26
ouchers	624 09
t vouchers	709 87
ıber vouchers	562 41
er vouchers	613 36
ıber vouchers	740 87
ıber vouchers	593 37
y vouchers	601 22
ıry vouchers	673 56
vouchers	641 28
vouchers	703 68
	$ 7,829 65

RECAPITULATION.

NERAL REVENUE ACCOUNT.—SCHEDULE F.

0. Last year's balance to cover vouchers as per Schedule A	$ 154 69	
Received from Tax Collections, as per Schedule D	7,200 00	
Deposited with City Treasurer check on Special Revenue Acct.	475 00	
Paid outstanding vouchers from last fiscal year, as per Schedule		$ 154 69
Paid vouchers as per Schedule		7,674 96
Balance in City Treasury to the credit of the Free Public Library		04
	$ 7,829 69	$ 7,829 69

SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT.—SCHEDULE G.

Amount turned over to Treasurer Chas. A. Pfeiffer by Purd B. Wright, Librarian, from receipts accruing to Special Revenue Account.

1899	May	11.	Received from Librarian.....$	15 00	
	June	8.	Received from Librarian.....	25 00	
	July	15.	Received from Librarian.....	32 00	
	Aug.	14.	Received from Librarian.....	25 00	
	Sept.	14.	Received from Librarian.....	35 00	
	Oct.	12.	Received from Librarian.....	25 00	
	Nov.	9.	Received from Librarian.....	33 00	
	Dec.	14.	Received from Librarian.....	30 00	
1900	Jan.	11.	Received from Librarian.....	25 00	
	Feb.	8.	Received from Librarian.....	30 00	
	Mar.	8.	Received from Librarian.....	30 00	
	Apl.	12.	Received from Librarian.....	38 00	
					$ 343 00

SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT.—SCHEDULE H.

1899.				
May	1.	Amount on hand, deposited in National Bank of St. Joseph		$ 185 3
May	1.	Deposited in National Bank of St. Joseph.$	15 00	
May	9.	Deposited in National Bank of St. Joseph.	25 00	
July	18.	Deposited in National Bank of St. Joseph.	32 00	
Aug.	14.	Deposited in National Bank of St. Joseph.	25 00	
Sept.	15.	Deposited in National Bank of St. Joseph.	35 00	
Oct.	17.	Deposited in National Bank of St. Joseph.	25 00	
Nov.	13.	Deposited in National Bank of St. Joseph.	33 00	
Dec.	15.	Deposited in National Bank of St. Joseph.	30 00	
1900.				
Jan.	12.	Deposited in National Bank of St. Joseph.	25 00	
Feb.	9.	Deposited in National Bank of St. Joseph.	30 00	
Mar.	9.	Deposited in National Bank of St. Joseph.	30 00	
Apl.	12.	Deposited in National Bank of St. Joseph.	38 00	$ 343
				$ 528
Apl. 4, 1900, gave check on National Bank of St. Joseph for City Treasurer				475
Balance on hand in National Bank of St. Joseph				$ 53

:IAL REVENUE ACCOUNT--RECEIPTS—SCHEDULE I.

revenue herein accounted for is collected by the Librarian and tants, and reported to the Board of Directors by the Librarian at nthly meeting:

from	Fines	Supplements	Catalogues	Miscel.	Dup. Books
.....	$25.72		$*2.65	$ 5.70	
.....	33.92		*2.55	7.06	
.....	37.70	$ 1.35	3.75	6.18	
.....	25.22	1.80	4.50	8.13	
er	38.72	1.00	3.15	10.63	
.....	28.56	1.00	1.65	10.17	
er	30.00	1.45	3.30	12.40	
:r	39.56	1.55	3.75	9.14	
.....	36.64	1.15	2.70	2.35	
;	26.21	2.00	5.70	7.91	$ 4.30
.....	33.08	1.85	4.35	4.39	5.90
.....	33.65	1.15	4.80	14.20	8.90
	$388.89	$14.30	$42.85	$98.26	$19.10

talogues and supplements.

RECAPITULATION.

ines	$388.89
upplements	14.30
atalogues	42.85
liscellaneous	98.26
:e Books	19.10
	$563.40

SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT—DISBURSEMENTS—SCHEDULE J.

Disbursements by Librarian from Special Revenue Fund and reported to the Board of Directors by him at each monthly meeting:

1899.			
May	11.	Incidental Expenses	$ 17.59
June	8.	Incidental Expenses	16.56
July	15.	Incidental Expenses	16.45
Aug.	10.	Incidental Expenses	15.71
Sept.	14.	Incidental Expenses	13.31
Oct.	12.	Incidental Expenses	17.12
Nov.	12.	Incidental Expenses	14.96
Dec.	14.	Incidental Expenses	21.16
1900.			
Jan.	11.	Incidental Expenses	21.47
Feb.	8.	Incidental Expenses	16.10
Mar.	8.	Incidental Expenses	17.23
Apr.	12.	Incidental Expenses	24.86
			$ 212.52

RECAPITULATION—SCHEDULE K.
SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT.

May 1, 1899.	Balance on hand with Librarian	$ 2.49	
	Receipts as per Schedule I.	563.40	
	Incidental Expenses, as per Schedule J.		$ 212.52
	Deposited with Treasurer Chas. A. Pfeiffer		343.00
	Balance on hand with Librarian		10.37
		$ 565.89	$ 565.89

CHAS. A. PFEIFFER,
Treasurer.

State of Missouri, }
County of Buchanan, } ss.

Before me, J. C. Hedenberg, a Notary Public in and for the county aforesaid, personally appeared Charles A. Pfeiffer, Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library of the City of St. Joseph, Mo., and made oath that the facts and figures above set forth are correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Given under my hand and seal this 8th day of May, 1900.

(Seal.) J. C. HEDENBERG,
Notary Public.

My commission expires November 13th, 1901.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library, St. Joseph, Mo.

Gentlemen: As required by your by-laws, I herewith present the annual report of the Librarian, covering the work of the Free Public Library for the tenth year of its existence, closing April 30, 1900. It is the fourth report which I have presented.

In a general way, the work has been satisfactory. It is believed that the results obtained will compare not unfavorably with other libraries laboring under similar restrictions. A great deal has been attempted in various directions, and this report will endeavor to show, briefly, what has been accomplished.

CONTENTS OF LIBRARY.—CIRCULATION.

The library contains 18,382 volumes, representing a growth for the year of 1,124. Number of volumes issued for home use, 109,-939, as against 104,146 the previous year, being an increase of 5,739. In the number of volumes issued from the circulating department for use in the library, an increase of 31.1 per cent is noted. The growth in circulation was not unexpected, as during the previous year the library was closed two weeks on account of the epidemic of diphtheria. It has developed that that closing resulted in a harm which it will take time to correct. The order closing the library called the attention of many people to the fact that the board of health thought there was danger in circulating books during even a mild form of epidemic, and now at every report of several cases of a contagious disease in any portion of the city, a marked falling off in the use of the library from that neighborhood is at once noted. The library has just experienced such a scare, more general in nature than usual, several cases of smallpox having been reported, and as a result the circulation for the month of April showed a decided falling off. It is the first month since September failing to show an increase when compared with the corresponding period of the year previous. The library force explains the plan of receiving daily reports from the health department, and the handling of suspected books, but it seems to have little effect.

The apparent increase in the percentage of fiction, while small, will be understood when it is known that heretofore the total circulation of books in the German language, on account of not being classified, have been entered under the separate heading, "German books." This circulation is now, as has been heretofore, almost entirely from the fiction department. This year the record of the circulation of these books is included in the regular classes.

CARD HOLDERS.

The number of actual card holders is 4,611, an increase of 327 for the year. This increase may be reasonably acounted for by extra efforts through the schools, and the extension of the city limits.

SCHOOL WORK.

Work with the schools has progressed favorably, and better results have been obtained than heretofore. The lack of a sufficient number of books to place special collections in the different schools, or to permit the teachers to have books for school use on special cards, necessitated other means being tried. The experiment of last year, that of preparing (with the aid of committees of teachers) a graded list of books, was extended, to include books suitable for pupils in grades four to eight. The expense of printing this list, purchasing the machine slugs for future use, and placing a copy thereof in the hands of each pupil in the grades designated, with other copies for special use, was borne by the school board. This is notable as the first contribution from this source to library work in St. Joseph. Results were highly pleasing, the increase in the number of patrons being largely from the schools, while the use of books in the history classes increased 44.77 per cent, with proportionate gains in the use of books in literature, travel, natural science, etc. The offer of a number of prizes by myself, with the full approval of the school authorities, was possibly partly responsible for this showing. Final results will not be known for some weeks.

BULLETIN LISTS.

The usual number of bulletins, compiled from newspaper machine slugs (after publication in the St. Joseph Daily Herald and St. Joseph Daily Gazette), have been issued, and a second supplement to the finding list will be ready within a few weeks. The lists of most importance issued during the year comprised one on South Africa, first having been published in all the daily newspapers of the city, and a special list of books for business men, compiled originally for the economic league, and published in the St. Joseph Daily News. The slugs were in each instance loaned to the library without charge.

REVISION OF CARD CATALOGUE.

The most important strictly library work is that now nearing completion on the card catalogue. No attempt was made to keep track of the actual number of cards written in making it a complete author, title and class catalogue of the contents of the library, but the fact that 3,453 guide cards and 21,000 regular cards were used (which takes no account of many cards corrected and old cards written *on reverse side),* some idea of its magnitude may be had. This work has

en under the direct supervision of Miss Lulu C. Senter, assistant rarian, and to her energy may be attributed the large amount of work ne. The cards were written on the machine by Misses Olds and Martin. f course it is understood that this work was in connection with regular rary duties, none of which were neglected.

REFERENCE ROOM.

The volumes in the reference room have been catalogued, and a new elf list is nearly completed. This room is still absolutely open to the public, thout the slightest safeguard or surveillance, and this fact has again been ken advantage of by dishonest persons, who have stolen five volumes. ose missing are Electrical Dictionary, Italian-English Dictionary, Laws Mines and Mining, Dictionary of United States History, and Handbook European History. The steady increase in the use of this department noted, both by pupils in the schools and the general public.

SPECIAL DUPLICATES.

The inability of the library to supply a sufficient number of copies of e popular books led to a trial of the plan inaugurated in the St. Louis blic Library by Mr. F. M. Crunden a number of years ago, and still in cessful operation, that of purchasing extra copies which are issued only the payment of a small sum. An extra card was devised, and these are d to regular patrons at ten cents each, upon which one book from the ecial duplicate collection may be secured and retained two weeks, thus ving the regular card free for any purpose wished. The first purchase braced copies of "David Harum" (Westcott), "Richard Carvel" Churchill), "Janice Merideth" (Ford), "When Knighthood was in Flower" Major), followed later by "In Connection with the DeWilloughby Claim" Burnett), "To Have and to Hold" (Johnston), "Red Pottage" (Cholondeley), "Gentleman from Indiana" (Tarkington), and one or two hers, at a total cost of $42.06, with a return of $24.30, the books still in tive demand and in good condition. The experiment has been very sucsful, and will be extended as occasion warrants. It is destined to bring ief to the fiction department, and at little or no expense to the library. has met with the hearty approval of library patrons, except that a sufficient number of copies have in no instance been supplied to meet the and.

DELIVERY STATIONS.

There is steady growth in the use of the delivery stations and a constant for more of them. The increase in number of volumes issued through se was 1,227, or 22 per cent. Station No. 1, located in North St. Joseph, been removed to a more populous neighborhood, while still serving same section. It is now located in the store of John Moeck, 1828 St. ph avenue. Mr. Moeck takes a warm personal interest in library k. Stations 2 (Wyatt Park) and 3 (South Park) are unchanged, being

still in charge of Mr. Koch and Dr. Feltenstein, respectively. These gentlemen have conducted these stations without charge for nearly three years, and continue as active in the good work as ever. Station 4, recently established in the store of Mr. J. J. Field, 2615 Frederick avenue, is becoming popular, and supplies the wants of an extensive territory. Station 5, just established in the stock yards district, promises to become the most extensively used station operated by the library. An interesting experiment is being watched in connection with this station, being the establishment of a reading room. The station and reading room is operated at the expense of the members of Gooding Chapel, of which Rev. Charles F. Winberly is pastor, assisted by the business men of that section. The idea is Rev. Wimberly's, and to his progressiveness the success so far attained is due. The reading rooms are very pleasantly arranged, and are open Tuesday and Friday mornings for the receipt of books to be forwarded to the library, and each afternoon and evening from 2 to 10 o'clock. The library is doing all it can to make the station and reading room attractive, having placed a number of periodicals at the disposal of those conducting it, and loaned a carefully selected lot of books, 50 volumes. These are to be changed from time to time, and the number increased as the demand warrants. Rev. Wimberly is satisfied with the results so far, and expresses the hope that the library will soon be in position to establish a regular branch library there, his congregation standing ready to erect an additional room, which will be provided free when the library is in condition to furnish books and a trained attendant. That section of the city is growing rapidly, and this is a question which will needs be met.

COUNTY USE OF LIBRARY.

As to some outside work attempted, the effort to extend the use of the library to the entire county, for a small consideration, under the provisions of the law heretofore mentioned, was progressing favorably, when plans for securing a new building developed, and this interfered with further progress. A sufficient number of signatures to the petition to meet the requirements of the law have been secured, but it was deemed advisable to secure more than was required by law, and it has not been presented to the county court. It is hoped to have this matter definitely settled before September, so that if a contract is made with the court, time may be had for developing plans to start the work before schools in the country districts open.

BINDERY EXPENSE.

Books and periodicals sent to the bindery for binding and rebinding numbered 1,344, and the aggregate cost was $673.26. This includes a number of volumes which were bound in a style which increased the cost, on account of the value and the large use of the volumes. The bindery bill for the ensuing year is expected to show a further increase, as the number of class books requiring attention grows larger each year. The time is looked forward to when the library will be prepared to operate its own bindery.

A WORD IN GENERAL.

The St. Joseph library is possibly among the smallest in point of volumes owned in a city of the size of St. Joseph in the country, and the money at its command accounts for this fact—not being sufficient to permit of its more rapid growth. The large circulation of its few books entails a heavy expense in rebinding and replacing worn-out volumes. This will necessarily continue in an increasing ratio until a larger number of volumes are secured. With the new building, arranged on modern lines, with an eye to economy of administration, it will be possible to handle a much larger circulation than at present without a proportionate increase in the number of employes; but in order to obtain the highest results it will be necessary to have more books.

The library has had an extensive use since its opening early in 1891, the volumes in the circulating department being in especial demand, the average issue being over eight times a year. This does not indicate anything further than a most active circulation of a comparatively few books, and rare patience on the part of its patrons.

During the last four years nearly 3,000 volumes have been withdrawn, mostly worn out, being 21 per cent of the number at present in the circulating department; for the year just closed withdrawals were 7 per cent.

A lack of means prevents the development of the work of the library in any direction to its fullest extent. While it has done, and is doing, much with the money used, it can hardly be said to more than touch upon the opportunities open to it. In no way has it been possible to occupy any field completely without neglecting some other work, possibly as important. In school work better results have been obtained than in any other direction, because special efforts have been made to this end. Even here real workers are not satisfied, and cannot be, for they see what great results are obtained with so little effort and the use of a comparatively small amount of money. Outside of work on educational lines, practically all effort to increase circulation (merely as circulation) have been abandoned, it being deemed unwise and a waste of time to urge the use of the library by general readers when it is all but impossible to meet their wants.

St. Joseph presents a wide field for library work, in that there are no educational institutions in the city outside the public schools and schools of like nature (parochial, Christian Brothers' College, Sacred Heart Convent), and every effort should be made to fill it.

Conservative estimates of the population of the city place it at from 75,000 to 85,000 inhabitants. The present library revenue, therefore, indicates a cost for conducting it of less than 10 cents per inhabitant. The new library law, the evident interest of the people in the library, point to the only solution of the problem.

In closing, I wish to again express my thanks to the members of the board for their kindly consideration at all times, and to acknowledge the great help of those connected with me in all library work.

Following will be found (1) the financial statement of the librarian, (2) accessions, (3) circulation statistics, (4) list of donors, (5) list of bound magazines in reference room, and, after the committee reports, a brief sketch of the work of the library during its ten years' existence, with a list of library publications, etc. Respectfully submitted,

PURD B. WRIGHT, Librarian.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1900.

State of Missouri,
County of Buchanan, } ss.

Before me, Edward S. Douglas, a notary public in and for the county aforesaid, personally appeared Purd B. Wright, librarian of the Free Public Library of the City of St. Joseph, Mo., and made oath that the facts and figures herein relating to receipts and expenditures, contents of library, books added and withdrawn, are correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

EDWARD S. DOUGLAS,
(Seal.) Notary Public.

Given under my hand and seal this 9th day of May, 1900. Commission expires Nov. 16, 1900.

(1)—FINANCIAL.

DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES.

Salaries library employes	$ 3,949 00	
Books	1,421 40	
Periodicals	343 62	
Binding	673 26	
Rent	450 00	
Heat	144 47	
Janitor Service	229 00	
Printing and Stationery	85 70	
Postage	20 00	
Furniture	84 75	
Repairs	58 10	
Insurance	75 00	
Miscellaneous	144 66	
		$ 7,674 96

LIBRARY COLLECTIONS.
RECEIPTS.

Brought forward	$ 2 49	
Received from fines	388 89	
Catalogues and supplements	57 15	
Special books	19 10	
Miscellaneous sources	98 26	
		$ 565 89

DISBURSEMENTS.

Deposited with Treasurer	$ 343 00	
*Incidental expenses	212 52	
Forward	10 37	
		$ 565 89

*The incidental expense account includes all postage of the library other than printed postal cards, freight, cartage and express on books, delivery station expenses, the purchase of ink, pens, pencils and like small supplies.

(2)—ACCESSIONS.

Number volumes reported April 30, 1899		17,256	
Volumes reported missing, since found		2	17,258
Accessions year ending April 30, 1900:			
Purchased	1,429		
Periodicals bound	214		
Donations classified	135		
Deposited by government	269	2,047	
Less withdrawals:			
Worn out	887		
Lost and paid for	15		
Exchanged	7		
Missing	14	923	
Net increase for the year			1,124
Total volumes now in library			18,382

ACCESSIONS AND WITHDRAWALS CLASSIFIED FOR Y ENDING APRIL 30, 1900.

	Accessions.	Withdrawals.	Net
General	20	0	
Philosophy	28	1	
Theology	29	3	
Sociology	64	0	
Philology	6	0	
Natural Science	68	2	
Useful Arts	25	3	
Fine Arts	29	3	
Literature	53	17	
Poetry and Drama	23	1	
Travel	98	11	
Biography	76	10	
History	160	13	
Bound Periodicals, reference	197	15	
Other Reference Volumes	26	0	
Fiction	876	826	
Government Deposit	269	0	
	2,047	905	

(3)—CLASSIFIED TABLE OF CIRCULATION.

CLASS	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	Total	Per Cent
General	61	74	59	45	59	63	38	60	61	82	94	56	752	
Philosophy	54	49	45	40	59	51	35	39	54	33	59	53	571	
Religion	26	47	60	66	52	91	64	56	65	75	81	63	742	
Sociology	57	64	61	60	55	52	60	37	64	60	85	59	714	
Philology	7	6	3	3	6	5	6	7	6	3	5	6	63	04.82
Natural Science	75	74	67	96	53	79	111	88	103	109	133	90	1077	
Useful Arts	55	48	35	47	30	45	45	56	56	36	57	48	553	
Fine Arts	65	76	57	77	63	61	69	66	80	66	76	62	810	
Literature	372	297	297	276	238	356	406	427	504	353	455	353	4332	03.95
Travel	193	177	182	186	138	337	353	296	334	266	310	218	2963	02.71
Biography	130	76	105	98	73	160	253	197	224	189	209	187	1901	01.77
History	195	202	191	194	228	608	630	511	486	401	482	283	4399	04.05
Periodicals	334	290	305	275	283	329	322	289	340	303	341	316	3727	03.40
Fiction	6752	7125	7858	8185	6693	6571	6490	6426	7918	7517	8766	6970	87250	79 30
Total	8376	8605	9325	9648	8035	8808	8882	8555	10295	9493	11153	8764	109939	100.00
Use in Library from Ref. Department	271	200	36	86	91	185	224	220	259	189	204	105	2070	.....
Grand Total	8647	8805	9361	9734	8126	8993	9106	8775	10554	9682	11357	8869	112009	.....
No. Days Open	26	26	25	27	25	26	25	25	26	23	27	25	307	.....
Average Daily use Circulating Department	322	331	373	357	321	339	356	342	396	412	413	350	364	.....

REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library, St. Joseph, Mo.

Gentlemen: Additions to the library during the year aggregate 2,04[illegible], as follows: 1,429 purchased, 214 periodicals bound, 135 donations classifie[illegible]d, and 269 deposited by the United States Government. Withdrawals wer[illegible]re 923, of which 887 were worn out, 7 partial set withdrawn and replaced b[illegible] by complete set, 15 lost and paid for, 14 missing. The library now contain[illegible]ins 18,382 volumes.

Continued care is exercised in the purchase of books for the use of th[illegible] the public. The constant endeavor is to make the growth of the differen[illegible]ent library departments as uniform as possible, while at the same time meet[illegible]eting the wants and real needs of its patrons.

This committee has done its utmost to improve the taste of the gener[illegible]ral reader by endeavoring to supply them with the best books publishe[illegible]ed, within its means, while dropping from the library shelves volumes of le[illegible] less merit. Every effort is made to supply the student in any department wi[illegible]with the volumes absolutely necessary for a correct understanding of the su[illegible]ubject under his consideration. Especial attention has been paid to comple[illegible]leting some important sets of periodicals indexed in Poole, with fairly s[illegible]satisfactory results, while other sets have been added. The most important [illegible]t of this latter class is the Magazine of American History, Chautauquan, A[illegible]Author (donated), Hours at Home (donated). The report of the librari[illegible]ian shows the magazines now in the reference room, the complete sets bei[illegible]ing indicated.

The hope is again expressed that, in consideration of the work it [illegible] is attempting, the library will be considered worthy of endowment in so[illegible]me of its departments by citizens of St. Joseph.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. McEVOY,
J. W. ATWILL,
H. K. WHITE,
Library Committee.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1900.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

'o the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library, St. Joseph, Mo.

Gentlemen: The report of the Treasurer of the Board and of the Li-
›rarian have been examined and found to be correct, setting forth in detail
he receipts and expenditures for the year, together with all the financial
.ransactions.

The apportionment of funds for library purposes for the year just begun
ıas been made by the finance committee of the city council, and amounts to
$7,500, an increase of $300 apportioned last year. This was the sum asked
'or, the many demands upon the city for money being the reason this con-
nittee did not attempt to secure a greater sum.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. A. PFEIFFER,
C. P. CARGILL,
LEWIS M. SMITH,
Finance Committee.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1 1900.

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE.

'o the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library.

Gentlemen: An examination, made at the usual time, shows the gen-
ral condition of the library to be as good as circumstances will permit.
'he rooms and shelves are over-crowded, but in view of the hope that the
ew building will be ready for occupancy within a year, little expense will
e incured to remedy this condition at this time.

The year's statistics show that the number of volumes worn out is again
uite large, and from this time will probably gradually increase until the
ıumber of volumes in the library is largely added to. The system of re-
›airs, etc., inaugurated under the present administration, and which
esulted last year in a large saving in the matter of longer service from the
›ooks, has reached the limit, and the old rate of withdrawals will again
›egin.

The library force has continued unchanged throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN M. STEWART,
CHAS. P. CARGILL,
L. M. SMITH,
Administration Committee.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1. 1900.

REPORT OF BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library, St. Joseph, Mo.

Gentlemen: Your committee on building and grounds submits herewith a report of the expenditures in the department under its charge during the year ending April 30, 1900, as required by the by-laws:

Rent	$ 50 00	
Janitor service	229 00	
Insurance	75 00	
Fuel	144 47	
Furniture	84 75	
Repairs	58 10	
Water	28 80	
Ice	5 65	$ 1,075 77

The increased expenditure for furniture was necessitated by the purchase of a new card-catalogue case. All expenditures were made on approval of the board of directors.

The resignation of David McKinney as janitor was accepted in October, the vacancy being filled by the appointment of F. G. Burgderfer.

As heretofore, the Park Commissioners and Park Superintendent Rau have agreed to furnish plants and flowers for the beautifying of the grounds.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. A. PFEIFFER,
J. B. RILEY,
Building and Grounds Committee.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1900.

(4)—DONATIONS.

Vols.	Nos.	Pamp.	NAME.
...	...	1	Aguilar Free Library, N. Y.
...	1	...	Amick, W. K., St. Joseph, Mo.
1	...	...	Atkinson, Edward, Brookline, Mass.
16	...	...	Bender, John C., St. Joseph, Mo.
1	...	...	Benjamin Franklin Statue Co., Philadelphia, Pa.
533	144	100	Bittinger, Maj. J. L., St. Joseph, Mo.
...	...	4	Board of Trustees, American Printing House for the Blind.
...	...	4	Boston Book Company, Boston, Mass.
...	...	3	Bronson Library, Waterbury, Conn.
...	...	1	Brooklyn Public Library, Brooklyn, Mass.
...	...	3	Buffalo Public Library, Buffalo, N. Y.
12	...	...	Bullard, Rev. Henry, St. Joseph, Mo.
...	...	8	Canada Department of Agriculture.
...	...	1	Carnegie Free Library, Alleghany, Pa.

...	...	4	Carnegie Library, Homestead, Pa.
...	...	1	Chicago (Ill.) Public Library.
...	...	1	Cleveland (O.) Public Library.
...	...	2	Dayton (O.) Public Library.
...	...	1	Depew, Chauncey M., New York.
70	...	...	Doniphan, Col. John, St. Joseph, Mo.
75	...	...	Eckel, E. J., St. Joseph, Mo.
...	...	1	Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, Md.
...	...	2	Erie (Pa.) Public Library.
...	...	1	Evanston (Ill.) Free Public Library.
...	...	1	Forbes Library, Northampton, Mass.
...	...	1	Gloversville (N. Y.) Public Library.
...	...	1	Grand Rapids (Mich.) Public Library.
...	...	1	Guthrie, Dr. K. S., Oaklyn, N. J.
...	...	6	Hartford (Conn.) Public Library.
...	...	2	Helena (Mont.) Public Library.
10	...	...	Henry, Mrs., St. Joseph, Mo.
...	...	2	Holman, Glenn O., St. Joseph, Mo.
...	1	1	Houghton, Mifflin and Co., New York.
...	...	7	Indian Rights Association, Philadelphia, Pa.
...	...	1	James Prendergast Free Library, Jamestown, N. Y.
...	...	5	Jersey City (N. J.) Free Public Library.
...	...	1	Kansas City (Mo.) Public Library.
...	...	5	Lawrence (Mass.) Public Library.
...	...	2	Library Company of Philadelphia, Pa.
...	...	2	Los Angeles (Cal.) Public Library.
...	...	1	Lynn (Mass.) Public Library.
...	...	5	Madison (Wis.) Public Library.
...	...	3	Melville, Commodore, Geo. W., Washington, D. C.
...	...	1	Mercantile Library, New York.
...	...	5	Milwaukee (Wis.) Public Library.
...	...	1	National Education Association.
...	...	8	Newark (N. J.) Free Public Library.
...	...	1	Newberry Library, Chicago, Ill.
...	...	8	New Haven (Conn.) Free Public Library.
...	...	2	Newton (Mass.) Free Public Library.
...	...	9	New York Public Library.
...	...	1	New York State College of Forestry.
...	...	1	Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.
...	...	6	Omaha (Neb.) Public Library.
...	...	...	Packard, Rev. W. F., St. Joseph, Mo., subscription to the Illustrated American Methodist Monthly.
...	1	4	Park College, Parkville, Mo.
...	...	1	Paterson (N. J.) Free Public Library.
...	...	1	Peabody Institute, Danvers, Mass.
...	...	8	Peoria (Ill.) Public Library.
...	...	6	Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y.
...	...	11	Providence (R. I.) Public Library.

...	...	5	Quincy (Ill.) Public Library.
...	...	...	Rees, George, St. Joseph, Mo.
1	...	...	Rutt, Chris L., St. Joseph, Mo.
...	...	1	Salem (Mass.) Public Library.
...	...	6	San Francisco (Cal.) Public Library.
...	...	1	Scranton (Pa.) Public Library.
...	...	2	St. Louis (Mo.) Mercantile Library Association.
...	...	3	St. Louis, (Mo.) Public Library.
1	...	...	Taylor, C. F., Philadelphia, Pa.
2	600	...	Taylor, E. M., St. Joseph, Mo.
...	...	2	Toronto (Canada) Public Library.
...	...	2	Tufts Library, Weymouth, Mass.
2	...	...	Turner, Mrs. Thos., St. Joseph, Mo.
...	7	...	University of Missouri News Letter.
7	...	...	Warren, Mrs., St. Joseph, Mo.
...	...	3	Warren County (Ill.) Library and Reading Room Association.
...	6	...	White, H. K., St. Joseph, Mo.
2	...	...	Wild, E. O., St. Joseph, Mo. (and photos).
...	...	1	William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.
...	...	3	Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.
...	...	2	Wisconsin Free Library Commission.
2	2	2	Wiziardi, Robert, St. Joseph, Mo.
2	...	...	Wood, Henry.

(5)—Bound Magazines in Reference Room.

American Electrician.
*American Historical Review.
*American Illustrated Methodist Magazine.
*American Journal of Politics. (Magazine of Civics.)
American Teacher, 1891-date.
*Arena.
Art Amateur.
Art Interchange.
Athenaeum (London).
*Atlantic Monthly.
*Author..
*Birds (And All Nature).
Blackwoods.
*Bookman.
*Bulletin of Bibliography.
*Century.
Chambers' Journal.
*Chautauquan.
Contemporary Review.
*Cosmopolitan.
Journal of Education.
*Land of Sunshine.
Library Journal.
Lippincott.
*Littell's Living Age.
*McClure's Magazine.
Macmillan's.
Magazine of Art.
*Magazine of American History.
Magazine of Western History.
*Missionary Review of the World.
*Munsey's Magazine. (Monthly).
Nation.
New England Magazine. (2d series complete).
New England Geneological and Historical Register.
Nineteenth Century.
North American Review.
Outing.
Outlook.
Overland

t History.
t Literature.

Magazine. (2d series com-
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ional Review.
htly Review.
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Lady's Book.
's Magazine.
s Weekly.
s Young People.
at Home.
ed American.
ed London News.
ed News of the World.
Printer.

*Popular Science.
Postal Record.
*Public Libraries.
Public Opinion.
*Putnam's Magazine.
*Review of Reviews.
School Journal.
Scientific American. 1856-date.
Scientific American Supplement.
*Scribner's Monthly.
*Scribner's Magazine.
Southern Magazine.
St. Nicholas.
Universal Review.
Western Electrician.
Westminster Review.
Wide Awake.
William and Mary College Quarterly.
*Complete sets.

List of Members of Library Board, 1890-1900.

Alphabetically Arranged.

. W. .....1895-1898-1899-1900. (Unexpired term of J. DeClue.)
r. J. L. .....1890-1892.
Rev. Henry .....1895-1896. (Unexpired term of Rev. Foote).
C. P. .....1899-date.
.John .....1891-1899. (Died October 23, 1899).
H. L. .....1890-1895. (Resigned).
, H. G. .....1890-1893.
W. H. .....1894-1897.
illard P. .....1890-1891.
, G. W. .....1890-1896.
rs. G. C. .....1890. (Resigned).
C. .....1890-1895.....
, J. T. .....1890-1892.
, Rev. J. L. .....1896-1900. (Resigned).
Mrs. J. S. .....1890. (Resigned).
. S. H. .....1899-date...
, Jas. A. .....1897-date.
. W. H. .....1895-1898.
E. B. .....1890-1896.
ger, B. .....1890-1897.
C. A. .....1896-date.
r. Barton .....1892-1898. ..
r. J. B. .....1898-date.
C. L. .....1892-1895.
Dr. J. F. .....1890. (Resigned).
. M. .....1897-date.
J. M. .....1898-date.
H. K. .....1896-date.

HISTORICAL SKETCH.

By vote of the people at the regular city election in April, 1890, the Free Public Library was ordered established. In the month of January preceding, a legal petition was presented to the Common Council, asking that the question of levying a tax of three-tenths of a mill for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a free public library be submitted to the voters. The ordinance submitting the question was passed by a unanimous vote, and, at the ensuing election, the proposition carried by a majority of 5,722.

FIRST BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Following the election, the first Board of Directors was appointed, consisting of Rev. H. L. Foote, E. B. Neeley, Willard P. Hall, H. G. Getchell, J. Francis Smith, B. Newburger, George W. Hendley, Mrs. J. S. Lemon and Mrs. George C. Hull. Rev. Foote was elected president, serving in that capacity until 1895, when he resigned on account of removing from the city; E. B. Neeley, vice-president; H. G. Getchell, secretary. After serving on the board but a short time, Mrs. Lemon, Mrs. Hull and Mr. Smith resigned, being succeeded by J. T. Johnson, George C. Hull and J. L. Bittinger. Rev. Henry Bullard succeeded to the presidency on the resignation of Rev. Foote, serving until the following June, when John DeClue was elected and filled the position until his death, October 23, 1899. He was succeeded by J. W. Atwill.

SUCCEEDS TO PROPERTY OF PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

The St. Joseph Public Library Association, organized in 1887, had, through the efforts of Mrs. T. F. VanNatta, Mrs. George C. Hull, Mrs. John S. Lemon and others, accumulated 3,276 volumes, with some furniture. Upon the successful termination of the Free Public Library movement and the appointment of a Board of Directors, these were turned over to the Free Public Library, and still heads the list of donations in point of value. It is but just to say that it was the efforts of the ladies named above and their associates to establish and maintain a subscription library, the hard work they were doing, and the good resulting from the very limited means at command, which brought out the necessity for a library as a public charge.

LIBRARIANS.

Henry J. Carr of Grand Rapids, Mich., was appointed the first librarian, and assumed charge Oct. 16, 1890, remaining until August, 1891, when he accepted a similar position in the Scranton (Pa.) Public Library. The late George T. Wright, then a resident of California, was named to fill the vacancy, but declined, and Wm. H. Culver received the appointment. He resigned the following May, and Miss L. C. Senter was installed as acting librarian until July 10, 1892, when Henry L. Elmendorf was appointed librarian, serving until Sept. 30, 1896, when he, too, resigned, being succeeded by the present incumbent.

ATTEMPTS TO INCREASE LIBRARY REVENUES.

In 1895 an effort was made to increase the proportion of taxes for library purposes to one mill. The proposition, submitted at a regular election, was defeated, securing 3.179 votes, which was not a majority of the voters voting at the election. There were but 542 votes cast against it. In 1897 another attempt was made to increase the library tax, the amount asked for being six-tenths of a mill. Failing again to receive the required majority (3,583 for to 891 against), it was realized that under the existing library and election laws it would be all but impossible to again secure the necessary votes, and in 1898 a bill amending the library law was drafted and submitted to the state legislature. After several months of anxious work it became a law in June, 1899. Under the law as it now stands it is necessary to secure only a majority of those voting on the library proposition to establish a free public library or to increase a tax already ordered, instead of a majority of voters voting at the election on all propositions. The proposition may be submitted at a special election, if it is deemed advisable to remove it entirely from political entanglements. The law also provides for extending the use of a library to the citizens of the county in which it may be located by authorizing the county court to contract therefor, paying for the privilege from the regular county revenues. The county court of this county would have been asked to pass upon this question some time since, but that the movement which was inaugurated to this end was permitted to lapse on account of the new building proposition.

GROWTH, EXPENSE AND USE OF LIBRARY.

The following table shows the growth, expenses and use of the library, by years, since its establishment:

Year ending April 30	No. vols. in Library	Expenses	Circulation	Card Holders	Vols. Withdrawn
1891	5,510	$5,550 04	*7,876	1,546	....
1892	6,774	7,365 13	**92,342	3,882	9
1893	***9,713	7,029 08	92,714	3,840	110
1894	11,512	7,581 19	100,924	3,866	389
1895	12,859	7,146 15	108,892	4,103	204
1896	13,579	6,609 16	109,073	4,167	375
1897	14,839	8,238 12	120,853	4,347	720
1898	15,777	7,629 43	117,483	4,352	868
1899	17,226	7,261 10	x104,146	4,284	352
1900	18,382	7,674 96	109,939	4,608	909

*Circulating department opened March 16.

**Closed one week on account of removal.

***Government collection added from St. Joseph Mechanical Library Association.

xClosed two weeks by order board of health on account diphtheria epidemic.

LOCATION OF LIBRARY.

Until Nov. 10, 1890, the library occupied the second floor of Samuels building, which had also been used by the Library Associati at Sixth and Charles streets. On the date named it was removed to Te and Sylvanie, its present location. The property selected as the site of t new library building, Tenth and Felix streets, is three blocks nearer t business portion of the city, convenient to street car lines, with no hill climb.

PUBLICATIONS OF THE LIBRARY, 1899-1900.

Compiled by Miss Lulu C. Senter.

REPORTS.

Annual report for the year ending April 30, 1891, pp. 16.

Annual report for the year ending April, 1892. (In St. Joseph municipal report, 1892).

Annual report, 1893, pp. 14.

Annual report, 1894, pp. 12.

Annual report, 1895, pp. 11.

Annual report, 1896, pp. 12.

Annual report, 1897, pp. 18.

Annual report, 1898, pp. 24.

Annual report, 1899, pp. 19.

BY-LAWS.

By-Laws of the Free Public Library, 1890, pp. 11.

By-Laws of the Free Public Library, 1892, pp. 18.

By-Laws of the Free Public Library, 1897, pp. 23.

Rules and Regulations of the Free Public Library, 1891.

Rules and Regulations of the Free Public Library, 1897. (Revised.)

CATALOGS.

*Classified list, 1891.

Publisher's Note.—This present work is put forth by the publisher, not as an official issue of the Library, but as a personal enterprise; and mainly on the strength of the advertising liberally given by those firms and individuals who have thus assisted the venture. The list of books, and like information, has been supplied by the Library for the purpose; and such portions of the publication have received careful revision with a view to obtaining reasonable certainty.

*Note.—Compiled by Mr. H. J. Carr.

Supplement; October, 1892-1893, pp. 21.

Classified list of the circulating department, July, 1896, pp. 139.

Note.—Compiled by Mr. H. L. Elmendorf.

Supplement; July, 1896-April, 1898, pp. 27.

Note.—Compiled by present staff.

BULLETINS.

Bulletin No. 1, Aug. 10, 1894, pp. 4.
Bulletin No. 2, Oct. 20, 1894, pp. 3.
Bulletin No. 3, Jan. 2, 1895, pp. 3.
Bulletin, new series, No. 1. Jan. 1, 1897, pp. 4.
Bulletin, new series, No. 2, Mar. 1, 1897, pp. 4.
Bulletin, new series, No. 3, May 1, 1897, pp. 4.
Bulletin, new series, No. 4, July 1, 1897, pp. 4.
Bulletin, new series, No. 5, Nov. 15, 1897, pp. 6.
Bulletin, new series, Vol. 2, No. 1, Mar. 31, 1898, pp. 8.
Bulletin, new series, Vol. 2, No. 2, July 15, 1898, pp. 4.
Bulletin, new series, Vol. 2, No. 3, Oct. 31, 1898, pp. 4.
Bulletin, new series, Vol. 2, No. 4, Feb. 1, 1899, pp. 4.
Bulletin, new series, Vol. 3, No. 1, May, 1899, pp. 4.
Bulletin, new series, Vol. 3, No. 2, Aug., 1899, pp. 4.
Bulletin, new series, Vol. 3, No. 3, Nov. 1899, pp. 4.

SPECIAL READING LISTS.

One hundred good novels.
Special reading list—Electricity, No. 1.
Special reading list—Electricity, No. 2.
Books on Spain and Cuba.
Books on naval warfare.
Special reading list—Books about heroes, including famous boys, girls, and women.
Special reading list for pupils of the first, second and third grades, St. Joseph public schools; 1898.
Reading list for school and home for pupils of the St. Joseph public schools, grades four to eight; 1899.
Books for business men.
Books for mechanics—general.
Mechanical works—for shop men.

Alphabetical List of Employes—1890-1900.

Name.	Office	Appointed	Resigned
*Bushnell, Stella M.	Assistant	Feb. 11, 1896	Feb. 24, 1898
Carr, H. J.	Librarian	Oct. 16, 1890	July 8, 1891
Culver, W. H.	Librarian	July 18, 1891	May 1, 1892
Douglas, Susie	Assistant	May 7, 1892	Dec. 1, 1892
Elmendorf, H. L.	Librarian	July 1, 1892	Oct. 1, 1896
Hendley, Mattie	Assistant	Sept. 1891	Feb. 22, 1894
Irwin, Grace	Sub-Assistant	July, 1891	Aug., 1891
*Martin, Eudora	Assistant	July 20, 1896	
Merriman, Erle	Stenographer	Nov. 23, 1893	
Merriman, Erle	Assistant	Feb. 22, 1894	July 20, 1896
Norton, John	Messenger	Aug. 12, 1897	Feb. 1, 1899
*Olds, Miranda M.	Assistant	Feb. 24, 1898	
Perry, Annie M.	Assistant	Feb. 13, 1891	
Rathbun, Cornelia L.	Assistant	Dec. 18, 1890	
Ritner, Kaliope	Assistant	Feb. 22, 1894	March 1, 1896
Russell, Mrs. A. J.	Assistant	June 28, 1890	Died March, 1891
Van Valkenburg, Agnes	Assistant	Jan. 27, 1891	May, 1891
Senter, Lulu C.	Assistant Lib.	Feb. 13, 1891	
Whitmore, Roy	Messenger	Feb. 1, 1899	
Wright, Purd B.	Librarian	October 1, 1896.	

*From Library Training Class.

JANITORS.

Ball, Howard, colored	Janitor	Dec. 18, 1890	Sept., 1891
Burgderfer, Frank G.	Janitor	Nov. 1, 1899	
McKinney, David, colored	Janitor	Sept., 1891	Nov. 1, 1899

PRESENT TRAINING CLASS, 1900.

Elam, Magnolia. Peterman, Minnie P.

THE NEW BUILDING.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL LIBRARY BUILDING COMMITTEE.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library of the City of St. Joseph, Mo.

Gentlemen: Your committee appointed to act with a similar committee of the School Board in reference to the Public Library Building, respectfully submits the following detailed report:

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library, January 11, 1900, the following resolution, offered by Charles A. Pfeiffer, was adopted by a unanimous vote:

"Whereas, The work of the Free Public Library of the City of St. Joseph is seriously hampered through its location, lack of proper rooms and facilities for economical administration; and,

"Whereas, The greater portion of the work of said library is, and by right should be, with the teachers and pupils of the schools of said city; and,

"Whereas, The value of the library as an educational medium and its great helpfulness to the schools aforesaid is now being fully recognized by those in charge thereof and the public generally; therefore, be it

"Resolved, By the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library of the City of St. Joseph, That a committee consisting of three members of this body be appointed by the president to confer with the Board of Education of said city, looking to the securing of a library and school office building commensurate with the importance of the work sought to be accomplished, and a credit to the city, by the issue of bonds by said Board of Education (as permitted by the law under which it is operating), to the amount of $100,000; and, further, that the said Board of Education be and is hereby requested to submit to the voters of this district, at as early a date as possible, the question of issuing said bonds for the purpose designated.

"Resolved, further, That said committee is authorized and empowered to conduct all negotiations with said Board of Education in relation to securing the issue of said bonds, plans for building, location of same, expense of maintaining, etc., reports of progress to be made to this body from time to time for approval.

"The fact that no rented building, conveniently located and suitable for library purposes, within the means of the Library Board, is likely to be secured, is deemed sufficient ground for prompt action on this matter."

The president appointed as such committee, Charles A. Pfeiffer, H. K. White and John M. Stewart.

At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Education, Feb. 8, the committee presented the above resolution. After its consideration, that body adopted the following resolution:

"Whereas, The Board of Directors of the Free Public Library of the City of St. Joseph has petitioned this body, by resolution, asking that the question of issuing $100,000 in bonds, the proceeds from the sale of which are to be used in the purchase of grounds and the erection thereon of a library and school office building, be submitted to the voters of this school district at an early day; and

"Whereas, The members of the Board of Education are cognizant of the educational work being done by the Free Public Library, its close association with all school matters, the difficulties under which it is laboring, and the powerless condition of the directors thereof in so far as providing money for a suitable building is concerned, and believing that it is not only to the best interests of the schools, but to all of the people of the city that a creditable home for the library and school offices be provided are in hearty accord with the plan; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the Board of Education of the City of St. Joseph favors the submission of the question of issuing bonds for a library and school office building in the sum of $100,000 at an election to be held said district hereafter.

"Resolved, further, That a committee consisting of three members this Board is hereby directed to be appointed by the president, whose duty it shall be to consult with the committee appointed by the Library Board in relation to the election and means for getting the question properly before the people, and in connection with said committee, to arrange for the plans for said building, the location thereof, the terms upon which shall be jointly occupied and any other matters of like nature. Reports be made from time to time to this body for consideration and approval. The attorney of this Board is directed to aid such joint committee in the preparation of necessary resolutions for the proper submission of the question to the people."

J. C. Wyatt, K. M. Mitchell and I. T. Hosea were appointed the school committee under the resolution.

On the 20th day of February, at a meeting of the Board of Education a special election was called for March 31 to vote upon the proposition of issuing bonds. At the election but 3,073 votes were cast, 2,512 being for the proposition, and 561 against.

Immediately after the favorable vote upon the question of the issuance of bonds, the joint committee called for propositions for a site, and the School Board invited proposals for bonds. Offerings for the bonds were numerous, and the issue in which we are interested has sold at a premium of Four Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty ($4,850.00) Dollars, being upon the basis of interest at the rate of 3.43 per cent.

We found that a large majority of the people interested in the selection of the site, seemed to be in favor of erecting the Library Building in

Eleventh annual report
(1900/01) to be found in

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Municipal reports.
1900/01 p. 91-112.

court held that the first case merely permitted the change of use from one public purpose to another of those designated by the act, and that the council could not extend a street through ground used for educational purposes, because, it was not one of the public uses named in the act. Board of Education vs. Detroit 30, Michigan 510.

"A later case from Mississippi decides that where ground was dedicated for a park it could not be used for the erection of a school house, and the donors were allowed to bring an injunction suit to prevent such use. Rowzee vs. Pierce 23, Southern 307.

"The Missouri case affecting the Brookfield Park, indicates that the Missouri Supreme Court is inclined to construe dedications of this character strictly. In a later case in 1890 the Supreme Court of this state held that a deed given by the City of Girardeau to the Board of Regents of the State Normal School, purporting to convey to them a piece of ground in that city, which had been dedicated for the establishment of a public school was invalid, although the Normal School is very largely supported by public grants of money, and was a part of the public school system. In the opinion the court says, (citing to the Brookfield case, and other Missouri cases) the City of Cape Girardeau may control and regulate the use of the property, but it has no right to devote the same to private uses, or to public uses different from those specified in the deed. Where land has been dedicated to specified, limited and defined purposes the subject of the grant cannot be used for another and a different purpose. Board of Regents vs. Painter, 102 Missouri loc. cit. 470.

"The New Jersey case above referred to which gives the definition of a park, is cited approvingly as to diversion of property from uses for which it was dedicated. No opinion was expressed to the term park, as the case does not call for such expression.

"In a very early case, Post vs. Pearsall, 22 Wend. 473, it was said that when a dedication is made, individuals are invited to build, improve, and make their arrangements of life and business in reference to such public right, and the Court held that abutting property holders could restrain the diversion of a public use. This ruling has been followed in numerous cases since.

"The use of the Park for our proposed Library Building would be for educational purposes, not for purposes of amusement and recreation and therefore, in our view would be a diversion from the original purpose.

"There are numerous other cases which we have not stated, wh

private buildings have been held to be nuisances when erected on grou dedicated for public purposes. The above are practically all the ca which indicate that the same rule applies to public buildings, but in v of the declaration of the Illinois Court above noted, that the public has more right to put its buildings in a park than it has to permit priv individuals to do so, it would appear that there is an undoubted righ the property holders adjacent to the Park, and of the heirs of Mr. Sm *to prevent such erection* by injunction. The property would not rever

heirs as in the case of abandonment, but the only remedy would unction, and if they should see fit to bring such suit, it is our at the injunction would be granted."
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"K. M. MITCHELL.
"H. K. WHITE.
"JOHN M. STEWART."

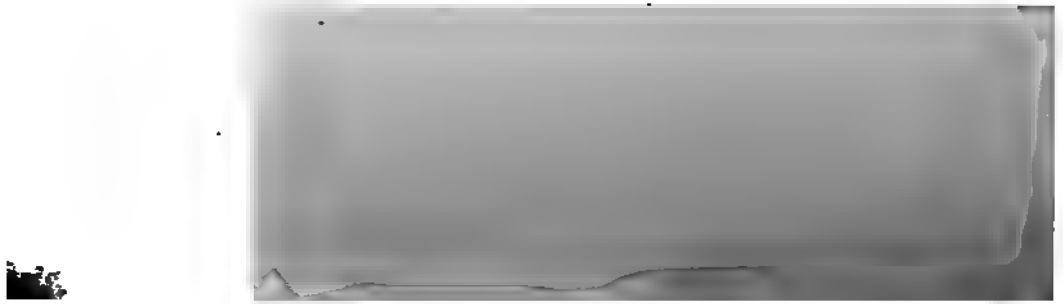
reading this report from the sub-committee, the joint committee inasmuch as it was not advised that the heirs of Mr. Smith, and ent property holders would give their consent to the use of the the location of the library building site, it was not advisable to he question further.

swer to the request for offerings, about thirty sites were sub- different parts of the city, from Messanie street on the south to bove Robidoux on the north, and from Fifth street on the west th on the east. Two of the offers were out and out gifts, but in the committee felt unanimously that the sites offered were not y central. Three of the sites would in most respects seem very but after a discussion of the needs of the Board as to size of the we came to the conclusion that these three sites were not suffi- ge. The committee felt that the site not only should be central chosen with reference to future growth of the city, and that while the business portions of the town, it should not be on a noisy o much complaint has been made in the past of the exertion re- reach the present library site, that the committee felt that the sen should be one where accessibility should be considered, rather where the building could be observed at a distance.

result of visiting all the sites, and several full consultations, the unanimously selected the property offered by the heirs of James ts, situated at the northwest corner of Tenth and Felix streets, s front 120 feet on Tenth street, with a side frontage of 140 feet street. The Directors of the Public Schools have bought this at the price of Eleven Thousand Dollars, and will at once invite for plans for a building which it is hoped will be commensurate present and future wants and prosperity of our city.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. PFEIFFER,
J. M. STEWART,
H. K. WHITE,
Committee.



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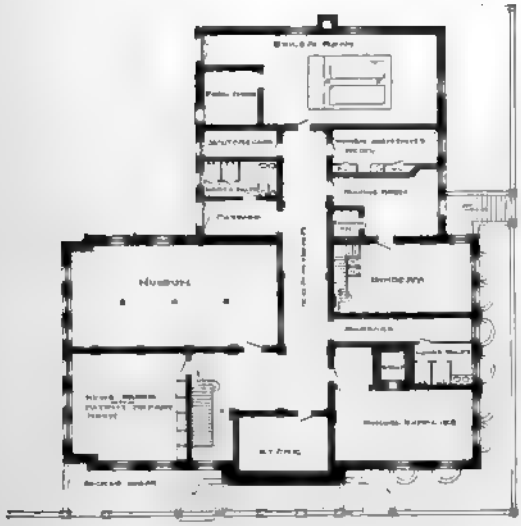

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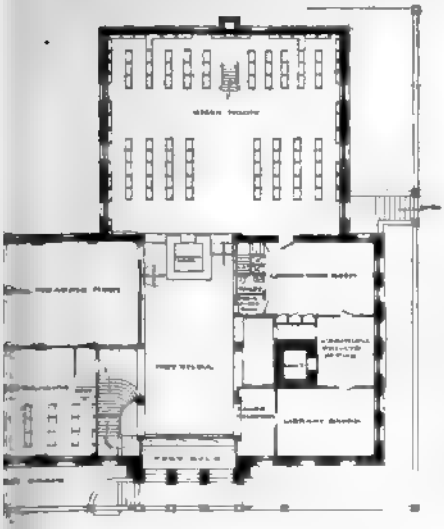

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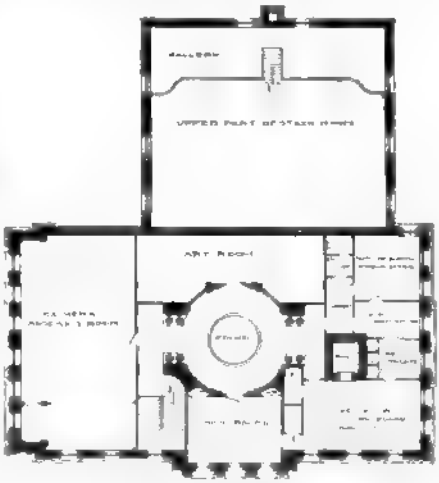


FLOOR PLANS, FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, ST. JOSEPH, MO.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY,

ST. JOSEPH, MO.

OFFICERS.

President.....J. W. Atwill
Vice-President.....H K. White
Secretary-Treasurer.....Chas. A. Pfeiffer
Assistant Secretary..... Purd B. Wright

DIRECTORS.

Term expiring 1902.	Term expiring 1903.	Term expiring 1904
H. K. White,	J. W. Atwill,	Chas. P. Cargill,
Chas. A. Pfeiffer,	A. B. Weakley,	Brother Elzear,
James H. McCord,	John Michel,	Elliot Marshall.

COMMITTEES.

LIBRARY—White, Atwill, McCord.
ADMINISTRATION—Cargill, Michel, Weakley.
BUILDING AND GROUNDS—McCord, Marshall, Elzear.
FINANCE—Pfeiffer, Cargill, Weakley.
BY-LAWS—White, Michel, Elzear.
SPECIAL BUILDING COMMITTEE—Pfeiffer, White, Cargill.

LIBRARY STAFF.

Purd B. Wright, Librarian.
Lulu C. Senter, Assistant Librarian.
Assistants—Annie M. Perry, Eudora Martin, Maggie Elam, Minnie Peterman, Roy Whitmore.
Substitutes—Lillian Kerr, Tillie Lohr.
Messenger—Joseph Mann.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER TRANSMITTING REPORTS.

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the Municipal Assembly of the City of St. Joseph, Mo.:

Gentlemen: I take pleasure in herewith transmitting for your consideration the official reports of those connected with the Free Public Library for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1902.

It is not without a feeling of gratification that I am able to report that the use of the library, since its removal to the handsome new quarters provided by School District of St. Joseph, has surpassed the most sanguine expectations. While a portion of this may be attributed to transient curiosity, as over any new thing, it is believed that a very large portion of the increase will become permanent. The accessibility of the new quarters and the inauguration of the open-shelf system add greatly to the popularity of the library.

With a larger supply of books, the use of the library could be more than doubled, and it is to be deeply regretted that the actual wants of the community in this regard cannot be more nearly met than is now possible. This applies with greatest force to the children's department. With the fitting up of the room for the exclusive use of the younger generation, provisions were made for a more extensive use of juvenile books. Notwithstanding this, and the fact that no organized effort has as yet been made to bring the little people to the library, this department has been crowded from its opening; and at times it has been impossible to meet the requirements of the users. This shows what a field is open to the library. The greatest regret is that much time will be lost before it can begin to be filled. Funds are badly needed in this department.

The library continues to grow, both in size and in the estimation of the people, but its material growth by no means keeps pace with the growth of the city.

Work on the branch building in the southern part of the city is progressing favorably, and hopes are entertained that it may be opened for use in the early fall.

Your attention is directed to the reports herewith, as they give in detail all the transactions of the library officers, committees and employes, including receipts and expenditures, circulation and details of all work sought to be accomplished.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. ATWILL,

President.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1902.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library of the City of St. Joseph, Mo.:

Gentlemen: I herewith transmit the report of the treasurer of the board embracing all the receipts and expenditures during the fiscal year ending April 30, 1902.

The revenue for the maintenance of the Free Public Library is derived from a tax of 4-10 of a mill upon the assessed valuation of property in the city, and is taken from the administration fund, limited to ten mills. This sum, thus apportioned by the common council for the fiscal year, amounted to $10,000, $7,500 of which was set aside for the general library and $2,500 for the branch library.

There also accrues to the use of the library sundry receipts, from fines, sale of books, catalogues and supplements and from miscellaneous sources, also from the use of duplicate books, as appears in the statement.

The expenditures are all accounted for in detail, on duplicate vouchers endorsed by the finance committee of the Free Public Library, approved by its president and on file with the city auditor.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. A. PFEIFFER,

St. Joseph, Mo., April 30, 1902. Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS		
General Fund:		
From City Apportionment		$ 7,500 00
Special Fund:		
From Collections by Librarian:		
Brought forward, April 30, 1901	$ 27 21	
From Duplicate Collection	50 80	
Fines	356 34	
Catalogues	22 10	
Supplements	27 50	
Miscellaneous, including books sold	455 00	933 05
		$ 8,433 05

DISBURSEMENTS		
From General Fund, by warrant on City Treasurer:		
Books and Periodicals	$ 1,585 69	
Binding	965 73	
Salaries	4,352 50	
Printing and Stationery	102 88	
Postage	20 00	
Miscellaneous, including removal	183 64	
Heat	146 28	
Light	29 91	
Rent	150 00	
Repairs	19 45	
Furniture	289 50	
Janitors	284 42	$ 8,130 00
From Special Fund, by Librarian:		
Freight and Express	28 82	
Postage	16 61	
Stationery	18 25	
Delivery Station Expenses	113 10	
Books and Periodicals	11 65	
Miscellaneous	61 41	249 84
Balances:		
In hands of Librarian	10 73	
In hands of Board Treasurer	42 48	53 21
		$ 8,433 05

CARNEGIE BRANCH LIBRARY

RECEIPTS		
General Fund:		
From City Apportionment		$2,500 00

EXPENDITURES		
From General Fund, by warrant on City Treasurer:		
Books	$ 377 48	
Miscellaneous	15 64	$ 393 12
Balance, in hands City Treasurer	$2,106 88	2,106 88
		$2,500 00

St. Joseph, Mo., April 30, 1902. Respectfully Submitted. CHAS. A. PFEIFFER, Treasurer.

STATE OF MISSOURI }
COUNTY OF BUCHANAN } ss

Before me, J. C. Hedenberg, a notary public in and for the county aforesaid, personally appeared Charles A. Pfeiffer, Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library of the City of St. Joseph, and made oath that the facts and figures above set forth are true to the best of his knowledge and belief. Given under my hand and seal this 26th day of April, 1902.

J. C. HEDENBERG, Notary Public.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:

Gentlemen: As required by the by-laws of the Board, herewith is presented the annual report of the librarian for the year ending April 30. 1902. It covers the twelfth year of the library, and is the sixth report I have had the pleasure of submitting.

While there was an apparent decrease in the use of the library during the year, it has nevertheless been one of the busiest in the history of the institution. What with contending with a continuance of the epidemic of contagious diseases, (in which respect the city has been peculiarly unfortunate for two years) resulting in the closing of a station for a time and the suspension of a large number of cardholders; the establishing of a number of competing pay libraries more centrally located; the closing of the library for removal, and a number of minor things, the fact that there was no real decrease in the use of the library is deemed to be grounds for satisfaction.

LIBRARY STATISTICS.

The library now contains 21,537 volumes, the growth for the year being 1,349. This is about the average yearly growth, though somewhat smaller than the year before, on account of a reduction of the book fund to provide furniture absolutely necessary in the new building, and to cover expense of removal thereto. Immediately after removal, a careful inventory of the contents of the library was taken. Elsewhere in this report the results are given. (Appendix I). By this it will be seen that the reference department contains 6,021 volumes, the circulating department 15,516 volumes. The table referred to also gives the average circulation for the year of the volumes in each class, approximately. The true circulation would be somewhat larger than that shown, as the percentage is figured from the number of volumes in the library at the close of the year, thus including those purchased at different times during the year.

A matter affecting the growth of the library during the year just closed, and which will be more deeply felt from this time forward, is the combination formed by the publishers and dealers whereby the discount to libraries is curtailed. It is a question of serious import to libraries with limited incomes, as it adds greatly to the cost of new books. In adopting a net price system, it was claimed that it was not the intention to increase the price either to the general purchaser or the public library, but a careful comparison of old prices with the new of many of the publishers discloses the fact that in a majority of cases prices have been advanced; in many instances the increase being from 16 2-3 to 24 per cent. No one attempts to find fault with the net price idea, as it unquestionably helps the smaller book dealers and does away with price cutting on a few of the popular books. Efforts are now making on the part of library associations to

secure a readjustment of the matter. It is not claimed that libraries are the largest purchasers of books, but publishers will admit that were it not for libraries many books now published at a profit would show a loss. And a further point that seems to have been lost sight of is that libraries are "continuous" purchasers—that is, a good book once placed on the shelves will be bought time and again long after the demand on the part of the public has practically ceased.

CIRCULATION.

The total number of volumes issued during the year was 98,035, a decrease as compared with the year preceding. This is accounted for by the closing of the library during the removal and rearrangement of the books, and the fact that the open-shelf system does away with the record of the use of books in the library from the circulating department. Number of volumes issued for home use, 96,806. A small increase in the percentage of fiction issued is noted, being in identical proportion with the number of volumes of fiction issued from the duplicate collection. The difficulty of securing a given work from the library at the time wanted has caused numbers of its patrons to join subscription libraries, operated on the home delivery plan, or to secure their reading matter on the daily rental scheme. The library has in its circulating department but one volume to each seven inhabitants of the city, which accounts in a measure for the popularity of the other class of libraries named—also some of the difficulties under which this library works.

Much is expected from the open-shelf system, as it will permit that wider knowledge of books gained from personal inspection rather than from a mere perusal of titles, often most misleading, in a printed list. That this expectation is not without good grounds will be seen from the statement that the only increase in library use for the year is that since occupying the new building. The first two weeks in the new quarters (being the last half of March), the record shows the largest daily average use of the library in its history; while the circulation statistics for April show the largest use for the corresponding month in any year. An increase in the use of the library was most confidently anticipated, but so large an increase was entirely unlooked for, and if it be maintained will prove embarrassing, in that it will necessitate greater expenditures in almost every department without at the same time increasing the library revenues. Partial relief at least will be offorded by the opening of the branch library in the late summer.

A large proportion of the increased use of the library is directly attributable to the attractions of the children's room. It had been the intention to have a special day for children soon after the regular opening in the new home, when efforts were to be made to reach all the children of the city. Immediately upon opening the room, however, developments caused the abandonment of the plan. The young people came in such numbers that it was apparent that any efforts to increase the number of patrons of this department could result in nothing but grievous disappoinment to all con-

cerned, for the reason that it was found to be all but impossible to supply the wants of those who came of their own accord. Steps are being taken to correct this as rapidly as possible by the purchase of new books, but with the means at command it will be a long time before this department will be at all adequate to the needs. The expenditure of the entire book fund for the year in this direction would hardly meet the requirements. Other departments cannot be utterly neglected, hence the children's room will continue inadequate unless assistance comes from sources other than the regular library fund. The room set apart for the young people's library is conveniently located, well lighted and attractively decorated. and is supplied with low tables, chairs, besides current magazines and reference books.

CARD-HOLDERS.

An increase of 113 in the number of cardholders is reported for the year, cards in actual use numbering 4,778. The attraction of the new building and open shelves are bringing back old patrons, and are mainly responsible for the new.

LIBRARY NOTES.

During the year the two-card system was adopted, the extra card being known as a "non-fiction" card. It is found to work better and to cause less annoyance than the old plan of issuing two books on one card. The adoption of the system of a charging or dating slip pasted on the front page of each volume simplifies work at the receiving desk, and makes it possible for one attendant to wait on the people promptly, thus saving the time of patrons of the library and doing away with annoying delays.

In view of anticipations of early removal to the new building, at the beginning of the fiscal year, no new work of consequence was undertaken, all efforts of the library force being confined to an attempt to get the library and its books in as good condition as possible, to the checking of the card catalogue, and such minor details.

The usual quarterly bulletins of additions to the library were issued. and a yearly supplement to the finding list published, all compiled from lists printed in the Gazette-Herald, the linotype slugs being furnished the library free. Special lists, in addition to the regular reference work, were issued as occasion seemed to demand. Among these were Books on Missouri, Louisiana purchase, Books for girls, Some books on Indians and Indian life, Genealogy, McKinley, Roosevelt, Out-door life, Eugene Field, the holidays, etc.

An increase in the expenditures for binding and rebinding is again noted, with a still further decrease in the number of volumes worn out, from a continuance of the plan reported last year of rebinding books a third time. Number of books rebound, 1,300; periodicals bound, 250; cost, $965.73.

No changes have been made in the delivery stations during the year. This method of using the library, while by no means the most satisfactory,

continues to grow, the increase in the number of volumes so circulated being about 10 per cent, the total circulation for the year aggregating 10,563. This despite the fact that one station, reported discontinued at the beginning of the fiscal year on account of smallpox, was not reopened for some weeks, and that no deliveries were made while the library was closed for removal.

AS TO THE NEW BUILDING AND NEW METHODS.

While the new building is fully covered in other reports, I cannot refrain from saying a word or two in relation to the improvement of working conditions, both as to convenience to the patrons and library employes. The public has had the new method on trial but six weeks, too short a time, possibly, for the formation of positive opinions, but I have yet to hear a word of real complaint. The open shelves appear to be a source of great help and enjoyment to even casual readers; while the real workers and students appreciate and use the extra privilege to the utmost. No unusual hardships have developed as yet, either to the books, the patrons, or the employes.

The reading room use has increased a hundred fold, and with added attractions in the way of additional publications, should steadily increase in popularity. On another page is a list of the periodicals for use in this room. Being under constant surveillance from the charging desk, better order is maintained than heretofore, and it is hoped that fewer magazines will be lost and mutilated.

Speaking for the library force, it would be hard to conceive of more pleasant or more convenient working quarters; well lighted, and so arranged with reference to the work to be done, the best results are obtainable with the least possible effort. It is believed that vastly more work can be accomplished, a greater circulation cared for, without a corresponding increase in the working force.

The library staff is to be commended for loyalty to the library and its work.

In conclusion, I again feel impelled to acknowledge the kindly consideration of the members of the library board in all things..

Following this report will be found (1) Table of accessions, (2) Classified table of circulation, (3) List of donors, (4) List of periodicals taken.

Respectfully submitted,

PURD B. WRIGHT,

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1902.

STATE OF MISSOURI, }
COUNTY OF BUCHANAN } SS:

Before me, R. R. Calkins, a notary public in and for the county afore-

said, personally appeared Purd B. Wright, librarian of the Free Publi
library of the City of St. Joseph, and made oath that the facts and figur
herein, relating to receipts and expenditures, contents of library, book
added and withdrawn, are correct to the best of his knowledge and belie

Given under my hand and seal this 7th day of May, 1902.

(Seal.) R. R. CALKINS,

My commission expires April 11, 1905. Notary Public.

(1)—ACCESSIONS.

Number of volumes reported April 30, 1901			20,088
Number of volumes not reported			100
Accessions, year ending April 30, 1902:			
Purchased	1,083		
Transferred from special duplicate colection	24		
Periodicals bound	250		
Donations classified	141		
United States—Public Documents	201	1,699	
Less withdrawals:			
Worn out	314		
Lost and paid for	13		
Burned	23	350	
Net increase for year			1,349
Total number volumes now in library			21,537

ACCESSIONS AND WITHDRAWALS FOR YEAR CLASSIFIED.

Class	Accessions	Withdrawals	Net Gain
General	27	0	27
Philosophy	7	0	7
Religion	24	0	24
Social science	177	1	176
Philology	3	0	3
Natural science	30	0	29
Useful arts	21	0	21
Fine arts	35	0	35
Literature	89	6	83
Travel	59	3	56
Biography	115	3	112
History	96	1	95
Periodicals, reference dept	256	0	256
Fiction	559	334	225
United States—Public Documents	201	0	201
Total	1,699	350	1,349

CLASSIFICATION OF BOOKS IN LIBRARY.

Class.	Number of Volumes.	Av. Circulation per Vol.—Home Use.
General	204	2.18
Philosophy	213	2.70
Sociology	763	0.75
U. S. Public Documents	3,346	
Philology	75	0.79
Natural science	539	2.15
Useful arts	373	1.76
Fine arts	324	2.64
Literature	1,229	1.71
Poetry and drama	610	1.69
Travel and description	963	2.74
Biography	1,421	1.27
History	1,874	1.61
Fiction, including juvenile and foreign languages	7,352	10.58
Bound periodicals in reference department	1,728	
Total	21,537	
No. of volumes in reference department	6,021	
No. of volumes in circulating department	15,516	6.24

(2)—CLASSIFIED TABLE OF CIRCULATION.

CLASS	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	Total	Per Cent.
General	51	43	41	35	33	28	39	33	43	49	21	29	445	
Philosophy	34	43	41	39	41	59	66	48	44	46	43	73	577	
Religion	64	30	26	49	41	84	70	50	69	95	65	80	723	
Sociology	34	42	45	55	32	42	59	26	47	52	65	73	572	05.22
Philology	3	2	3	3	10	5	1	2	1	3	10	16	50	
Natural science	89	68	86	97	71	105	89	77	118	91	118	150	1159	
Useful arts	49	53	47	52	46	59	54	61	48	58	49	84	660	
Fine arts	48	83	72	69	62	71	80	63	72	81	91	66	858	
Literature	155	144	151	174	125	166	175	105	221	239	162	259	2176	03.32
Literature—Poetry and drama	76	65	74	70	65	75	98	82	107	72	99	156	1039	
Travel	159	123	149	128	119	211	295	222	271	271	299	349	2643	02.74
Biography	183	97	98	113	92	134	160	101	170	222	201	244	1815	01.88
History	206	170	178	189	179	249	242	262	263	349	347	375	3009	03.10
Magazines	277	282	292	301	275	265	290	244	303	282	192	281	3244	03.34
Fiction, adult and juvenile	5774	6266	7155	7425	5618	6021	6293	5650	6841	6657	5750	8998	77878	80.4
Total home circulation	7202	7511	8458	8799	6809	7574	7892	7226	8618	8575	7559	10583	96806	100.
Ref. use from circulating department	117	95	127	113	111	145	127	159	238	104	* *	* *	1229	
Total issue	7319	8606	8580	8912	6920	7720	8019	7376	8856	8679	7559	10583	98035	
Number days open	26	25	26	27	23	27	25	25	26	*20	*15½	26	291 8½	
Average daily issue	277	300	325	326	295	290	311	289	331	428	473	407	332	
Overdue book notices sent	163	1 57	158	100	152	153	193	218	125	99	132	166	1728	

* Closed.

* * Open shelf system. No record

(3)—DONATIONS.

Vols.	Nos.	Pamp.	NAME.
...	1	1	Abercrombie, R. M.
...	...	1	Aguilar Free Libraries Society (N. Y.)
...	...	1	Alleghany (Pa.) Free Library.
...	...	1	Anderson, Dr. John J., Brooklyn, Mass.
73	...	...	Atwill, J. W., Sec.
1	...	...	Balch, T. Willis.
2	...	...	Bender, John C.
5	...	...	Board of Education, St. Joseph, Mo.
...	...	4	Boston Book Co., Boston, Mass.
...	...	1	Boston (Mass.) Public Library.
...	...	9	Brooklyn (N. Y.) Public Library.
...	...	5	Brooklyn (N. Y.) Co-operative Bulletin of Brooklyn. Public Library and Pratt Institute Free Library.
...	...	...	Brokaw's Art and Music Store—4 framed pictures.
...	...	2	Buffalo (N. Y.) Public Library.
...	...	3	Canada Department of Agriculture.
1	...	...	Carnegie Institute, Pittsburg, Pa.
...	...	1	Carnegie Library, Atlanta, Ga.
1	...	...	Casson, Herbert N.
...	...	10	Chicago (Ill.) Public Library.
...	...	1	Chicago and Evansville (Ill.) Public Libraries.
...	...	5	Chicago (Ill.) City of.
...	...	1	Chickering and Sons, Boston, Mass.
...	...	1	Cleveland (O.) Public Library.
...	...	1	Council Bluffs (Ia.) Free Public Library.
2	...	...	Criswell, B. P.
...	...	1	Detroit (Mich.) Public Library.
1	...	...	Doyle, A. Conan.
...	...	1	East St. Louis (Ill.) Public Library.
...	100	...	Edgar, C. B.
...	...	1	Enoch Pratt Free Library.
...	...	1	Erie (Pa.) Public Library.
3	...	...	Fassett, Dr. C. W.
2	...	...	Field, Marshall, Chicago, Ill.
...	...	2	Forbes Library, Northampton, Mass.
...	...	...	Fox Art Store—1 framed picture.
1	...	...	Fulkerson, Dr. Perry.
...	...	...	Geiger, Dr. Jacob, Mrs. K. M. Tootle, Mrs. J. I. McDonald, Mrs. J. S. Lemon, James H. McCord, E. J. Eckel, Milton Tootle, M. A. Reed—20 etchings.
...	...	1	Gloversville (N. Y.) Public Library.
...	...	1	Green, S. S., Worchester, Mass.
...	...	1	Hartford (Conn.) Public Library.
...	...	4	Haverhill (Mass.) Public Library.

Vols.	Nos.	Pamp.	NAME.
...	...	1	Helena (Mont.) Public Library.
...	...	...	Hoagland, Mrs. Geo. T.—1 framed picture.
1	...	...	Hyatt, C. C.
...	...	5	Imperial South African Association.
...	...	4	Iowa Library Commission.
...	...	1	Iowa State Normal School.
...	...	3	Jersey City (N. J.) Free Public Library.
...	...	2	John Crerar Library, Chicago, Ill.
5	...	...	Joseph Lodge No. 73, I. O. B. B.
...	...	4	Kansas City (Mo.) Public Library.
...	...	1	Kopf, Dr. S. A.
...	...	2	Lawrence (Mass.) Free Public Library.
...	...	2	Library Co. of Philadelphia, Pa.
2	...	...	Library of Congress.
...	...	1	Liverpool (Eng.) Public Library.
...	...	8	Los Angeles (Cal.) Public Library.
...	...	1	Lynn (Mass.) Public Library.
...	...	1	Metropolitan Museum of Art (N. Y.).
...	...	4	Milwaukee (Wis.) Public Library.
...	24	...	Morton, Dr. Daniel.
...	...	8	Newark (N. J.) Public Library.
...	...	9	New Haven (Conn.) Public Library.
...	...	13	New York (N. Y.) Public Library.
1	...	...	New York State Library.
...	...	1	Northwest Missouri Press Association. H. E. Robinson, Historian.
...	42	...	Oaks, Mrs. Mary.
1	...	...	Ogilvie, J. S. and Co., (N. Y.)
...	...	5	Omaha (Neb.) Public Library.
1	...	...	Pangbourne, J. G.
...	...	1	Paterson (N. J.) Free Public Library.
...	...	1	Peabody Institute, Danvers, Mass.
...	...	1	Peace Association of Friends in America.
...	...	5	Peoria (Ill.) Public Library.
...	...	1	Perry, Miss A. M.
...	...	7	Portland (Ore.) Library Association.
...	...	1	Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y.
...	...	12	Providence (R. I.) Co-operative Bulletin, Provide[illegible] Public Library, Brown University, Provide[illegible] Atheneum.
...	...	3	Quincy (Ill.) Free Public Library.
1	...	...	St. Joseph High School, Class of 1901.
1	...	...	St. Joseph Fire Department.
...	...	1	Rockford (Ill.) Public Library.
...	...	1	Salem (Mass.) Public Library.
...	...	8	San Francisco (Cal.) Public Library.

Nos.	Pamp.	NAME.
...	3	San Jose (Cal.) Public Library.
...	1	School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx, N. Y.
...	1	Scranton (Pa.) Public Library.
...	...	Secretary of the state of Missouri.
...	1	Sedalia (Mo.) Public Library.
...	...	Sherwood, Rev. E. B.
...	...	Shields, Charles Woodruff, Princeton, N. J.
...	...	Smith, H. H. Sec. Board of Education.
...	...	Smith, L. C.
...	...	Society of the Sons of the American Revolution in Missouri.
...	1	Syracuse (N. Y.) Public Library.
...	2	Toronto (Canada) Public Library.
...	1	Tufts Library, Weymouth (Mass.)
...	218	United States Public Documents. 16 maps.
...	12	University of the State of Missouri.
...	1	University of the State of New York.
...	...	Walling, George. Framed pictures.
...	3	Warren Co. (Ill.) Library and Reading Room Association, Monmouth (Ill.)
...	11	Wisconsin Free Library Commission.
...	...	Wisconsin State Horticultural Society.
...	1	Worcester (Mass.) Free Public Library.

(4)—PERIODICALS.

ican Electrician, w.
ican Historical Review, q.
ican Monthly Review of Re-
vs, m.
ican Teacher, m.
s of the American Academy, m.
tectural Record, q.
., m.
amateur, m.
iaeum, m.
tic, m.
wood's Magazine, m.
man, m.
Buyer, m.
seller, m.
n Transcript, Wed. and Sat.
etin of Bibliography.
lian Magazine, m.
er's Magazine, m.
Catholic World, m.
Century, m.
Chambers' Journal, m.
Charities, s. w.
Chautauquan, m.
*Chicago Banker, m.
Country Life in America.
*Christian at Work, w.
*Christian Science Journal, m.
Contemporary Review, m.
Cosmopolitan, m.
Critic, m.
Current History, m.
Current Literature, m.
Cumulative Index, m.
*Daily News, St. Joseph, Mo.
Dial, m.
Education, m.
Educational Review, m.

Engineering Magazine, m.
*Engineer's Review, m.
*Finance, m.
Fortnightly Review, m.
Forum, m.
*Gazette, St. Joseph, Mo., d.
*Good Roads, m.
Great Round World, w.
Harper's Bazaar, m.
Harper's Monthly, m.
Harper's Weekly, w.
Herald of the Golden Age, m.
Illustrated London News, w.
Inland Printer, m.
Independent, w.
International Monthly, m.
International Studio, m.
*Journal of Commerce, St. Joseph Mo., w.
Journal of Education, w.
*Journal of Osteopathy, m.
Ladies' Home Journal, m.
Library Journal, m.
Life, w.
Lippincott's, m.
Literary News, m.
Literary World, m.
Littell's Living Age, w.
McClure's, m.
Macmillan's m.
Magazine of Art, m.
*Medical Herald, m.
Missionary Review of the World, m
*Modern Miller, w.
*Montana Daily Record, Helena, Mont., d.
*M. S. U. Independent, m.
Munsey's, m.
Music, m.
Musical Courier, w.
Nation, w.
New England Magazine, m.
New England Historical and Genealogical Register, m.
Nineteenth Century, m.
North American Review, m.
Outing, m.
*Out West, m.
Outlook, w.
Overland, m.
*Park Review, q.
Political Science Quarterly.
Popular Science, m.
Public Libraries, m.
Public Opinion, w.
Publisher's Weekly, w.
Quarterly Journal of Economics, q.
Register-Lever, Plattsburg, Mo., w.
*St. Andrews' Cross, w.
*St. Joseph Union, w.
St. Nicholas, m.
School Journal, w.
School Review, w.
Scientific American, w.
Scientific American Supplement, w.
Scientific American Building Monthly, m.
Scribner's, m.
*Sound Currency, w.
*Stock Yards Daily Journal, Sout St. Joseph, Mo., d.
Success, m.
*Vegetarian and Our Fellow Creatures, m.
*Virginia Magazine of History, m.
Western Electrician, m.
*Western Fruit-Grower, m.
Westminister Review, m.
*William and Mary College Quarterly, q.
World's Work, m.
Youth's Companion, w.

*—Gift.

LIBRARY COMMITTEES.

Report of Library Committee.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library of the City of St. Joseph, Mo.

Gentlemen: An inventory of the library, just completed, shows that it contains 21,437 volumes; net additions for the year, 1,349, as follows: Purchased, 1,066; Transferred from special duplicate collection, 24; Periodicals bound, 267; Donations classified, 141; Deposited by U. S. government, 201.

Notwithstanding the comparatively small amount of money in the book fund, it was deemed desirable to add a number of sets of periodicals to the reference department, the most important among them being: Annals of American Academy of political and social science; Charities review; Engineering Magazine; International Studio; Political science quarterly; Virginia magazine of history and biography. The library set of North American Review and Scientific American were also nearly completed. Other accessions of moment were:

Savage, New England genealogical dictionary.
Pope, Pioneers of Massachusetts.
Gayarre, Louisiana, 4v in 3.
Chittenden, American fur trade of the far west.
Brewer, World's best orations.
Sargent, Silva of North America (concluding).
Sturgis, Dictionary of architecture and building, 1v.
Bailey, Cyclopedia of horticulture, 2v.
Cheyne-Black, Encyclopaedia Biblica, 1v.
Hamilton, Writings of James Monroe, 1v.

The librarian calls attention to the urgent need for more books in children's department. A marked increase in the use of the library by children has been noted since the opening of a special room for them on removal to the new building. No extra effort has been made to increase the number of younger patrons, for the reason that the library is utterly unable to supply their wants. It is to be earnestly hoped that sufficient revenue will be secured the coming year to enable the Board to set aside larger fund for the department.

Respectfully submitted,

H. K. WHITE,
J. H. McCORD,
J. W. ATWILL,
Library Committee.

April 30, 1902.

Report of Finance Committee.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library of the City of St. Joseph, Mo.

Gentlemen: As required by the by-laws, your committee has to report that the statement of the Treasurer, showing all transactions of the Board of a financial nature, both with the city and with the Librarian, has been examined and found to be correct.

The apportionment of funds for library purposes for the ensuing year has not been completed by the Municipal Assembly, but the increase in the assessment will warrant the statement of a slightly additional amount over last year. The Finance Committees of both houses have agreed on an apportionment of $10,500, $2,500 of which is for the branch library, and this estimate will doubtless be approved.

Respectfully submitted.

CHAS. A. PFEIFFER,
C. P. CARGILL,
A. B. WEAKLEY,
Finance Committee

Report of Administration Committee.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library of the City of St. Joseph, Mo.

Gentlemen: The only changes to report in the library force during the year just closed are as follows: Misses Lillian Kerr and Tillie Lohr were appointed substitutes from the library training class, after competitive examination, and Joseph Mann was appointed messenger, this last appointment being the only addition to the force since removal to the new building.

Respectfully submitted.

C. P. CARGILL,
JOHN MICHEL,
A. B. WEAKLEY,
Administration Committee.

Report of Buildings and Grounds Committee.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library of the City of St. Joseph, Mo.

Gentlemen: The expenditures of the library under the immediate jurisdiction of this committee were as follows:

Rent	$150 00
Janitor service	284 42
Fuel	146 28
Light (including arc lamp)	29 21
Repairs	19 45
Furniture (new building)	289 50
	$918 86

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. McCORD, Chairman,
ELLIOT MARSHALL,
BROTHER ELZEAR,
Buildings and Grounds Committee.

Report of Special Building Committee.

MAIN LIBRARY.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library of the City of St. Joseph, Mo.

Gentlemen: The report of this committee made one year ago embraced the important features in relation to the building erected by the school district of St. Joseph as a joint library and school board office building, under the direction of a committee composed of three members of that body and three from the library board.

Early in the fiscal year additional contracts were let, embracing gallery in the stack room, combination light fittings, toilet fixtures, sidewalks around building, retaining walls, window shades and cork carpets. The cost of these is given in the following detailed statement of receipts and expenditures. A showing worthy of notice is that the bill of extras on the building was only about 2 per cent of the contract price:

STATEMENT LIBRARY BUILDING FUND.

1900.				
June 5th.	Cash from N. W. Harris & Co., sale of $100,000 4 per cent 10-20 year bonds			$104,812,90
1902.				
May 6th.	Cash from National Bank of St. Joseph, interest on daily balances...			2,015 29
	Cash Transfer from Incidental Fund, sale of old houses, and rent.....			348 00
To J. I. Roberts and others, for site.....			$ 11,000 00	
To Cash for prizes Library Building plans:				
	E. J. Eckel, first prize.....	$ 400		
	Felt & Carr, second prize	300		
	A. Powell, third prize	200		
	A. Meier, fourth prize.....	100	$ 1,000 00	
To Transfer Incidental Fund, account one-half election expenses and bond issue			641 24	
To Charles Nowland:				
	Building contract	$81,883 75		
	Extras	1,806 37	83,690 12	
To Art Metal Construction Co.:				
	Metal shelving for Library	$ 5,539 30		
	Cr.—Amount paid for drayage.....	34 30	5,505 00	
To C. B. Thayer Electrical Co., electric light and gas fixtures			1,262 37	
To C. F. Rock Plumbing Co., toilet fixtures for closets			59 21	
To Fred Roth:				
	Sidewalk 10th and Felix Sts.	$ 587 00		
	Stone wall, Northeast corner lot...	84 10	671 10	
To Columbia Foundry, two hitching posts.....			7 00	
To J. B. Brady Carpet Co., window shades and cork carpet			529 69	
To J. H. Hartman, grading west side of building..			13 29	
To Contingent Fund, amount paid for drayage Art Metal Construction Co.			34 30	
To E. J. Eckel, architect			2,762 87	
			$107,176 19	$107,176 19

The building was completed and accepted by the joint committee and by the school district March 1. It was occupied by the library a few days prior to this date, but was not opened to the public until March 13. On the evening of the 15th an informal reception was tendered the public.

That the building as completed meets with the approval of the citizens; that the arrangement delights the patrons of the library; and, finally, that

it has already resulted in a largely increased use in all the departments of the institution, are sources of gratification to your committee.

A description of the building, together with half-tone cuts illustrating same, prepared by the librarian for the Library Journal, New York, is given on other pages.

Respectfully submitted.

CHAS. A. PFEIFFER,
H. K. WHITE,
C. P. CARGILL,
Special Building Committee.

Branch Library Building.

In the last annual report to your body, the librarian reported the official proceedings of the council in relation to the donation by Mr. Andrew Carnegie of $25,000 for a branch library building; of the site for same by the South St. Joseph Town Co.; and the vote in April accepting the gifts and increasing the library tax from 3-10 to 4-10 of a mill, $2,500 of which was for the maintenance of the branch library.

Some delay was occasioned in getting the building started on account of a misapprehension as to the amount given, the absence of the donor from the country requiring additional time to get the matter adjusted. The question was definitely settled in May and June 17 deeds of gift of an entire block of ground were accepted and filed.

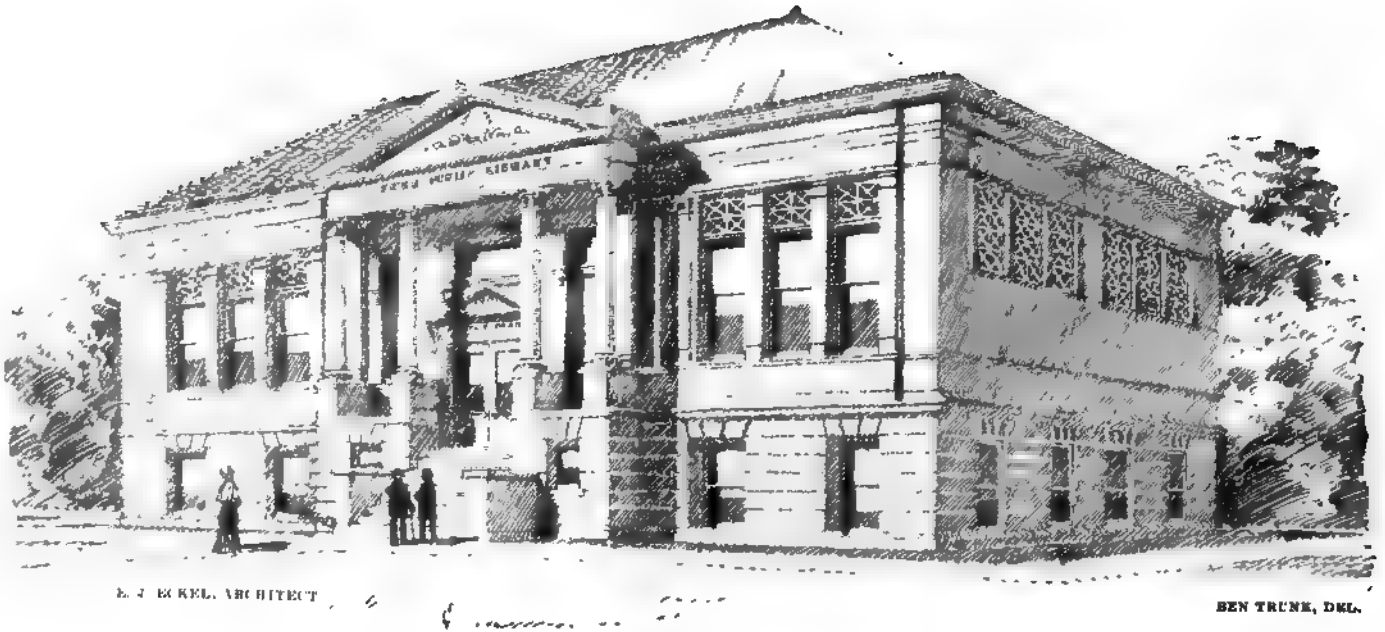
Your special building committee was directed to have plans drawn, E. J. Eckel being appointed architect at an agreed compensation of 3 per cent. Plans were agreed upon, but a long delay was occasioned by the failure on the part of the city to establish grades in that portion of the city where the building was to be located. Proposals for the erection of the building had been asked for, to be opened Sept. 12, but for the reason named they were rejected without opening. Grades were finally agreed upon, and on Nov. 15 a contract for the erection of the building was awarded to P. P. Buddy for the sum of $23,050.

The concrete foundations were put in last fall, but no other work was done until this spring. Since recommencing work, however, the building has been pushed forward with due speed, and there seems to be no reason apparent at this time why the building should not be completed and ready for occupancy by August 15, the time called for in the contract.

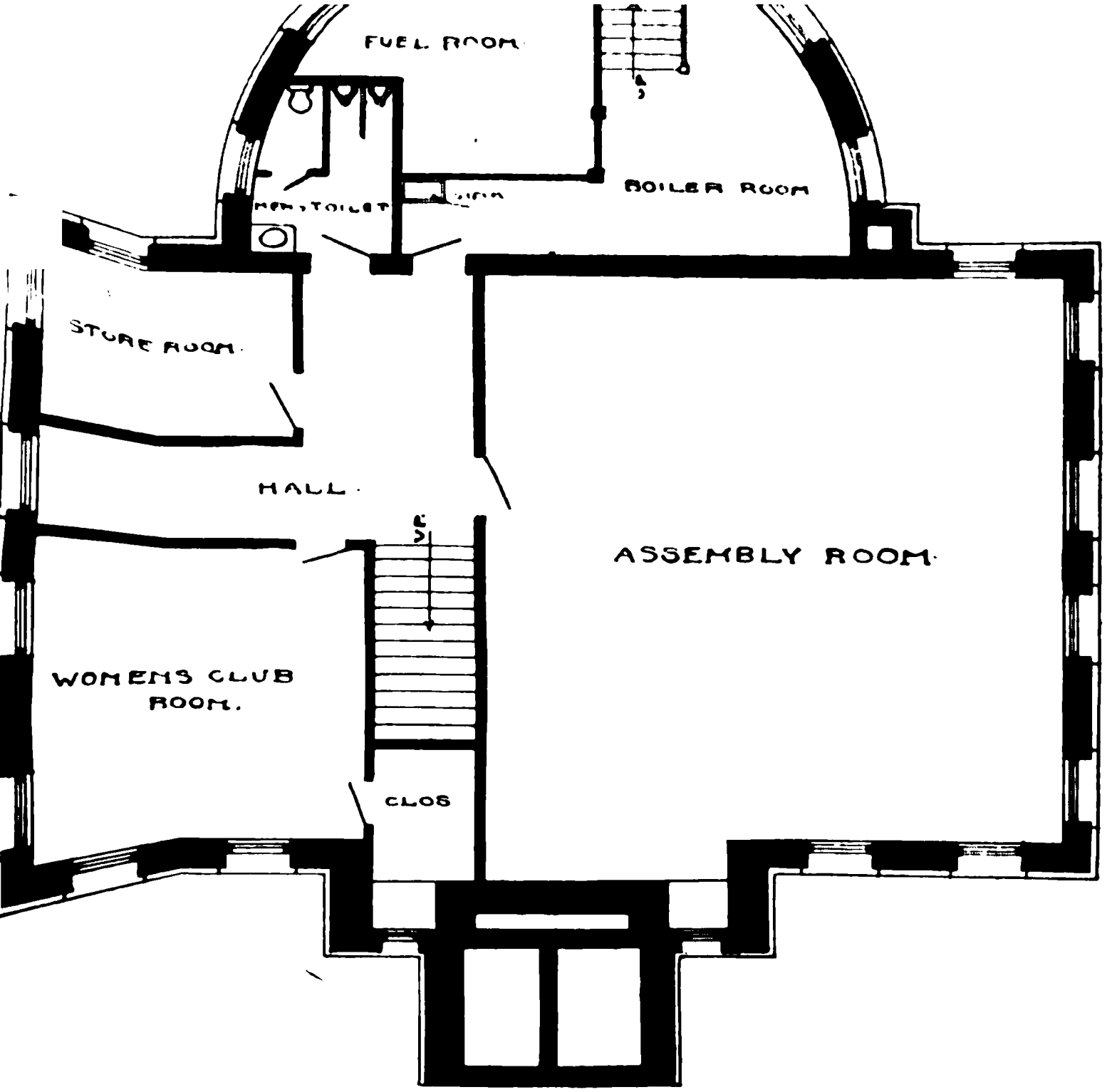
A description of the building and cuts of same are given on another page.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. A. PFEIFFER,
H. K. WHITE,
C. P. CARGILL,
Special Building Committee.



CARNEGIE BRANCH, FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, ST. JOSEPH, MO.



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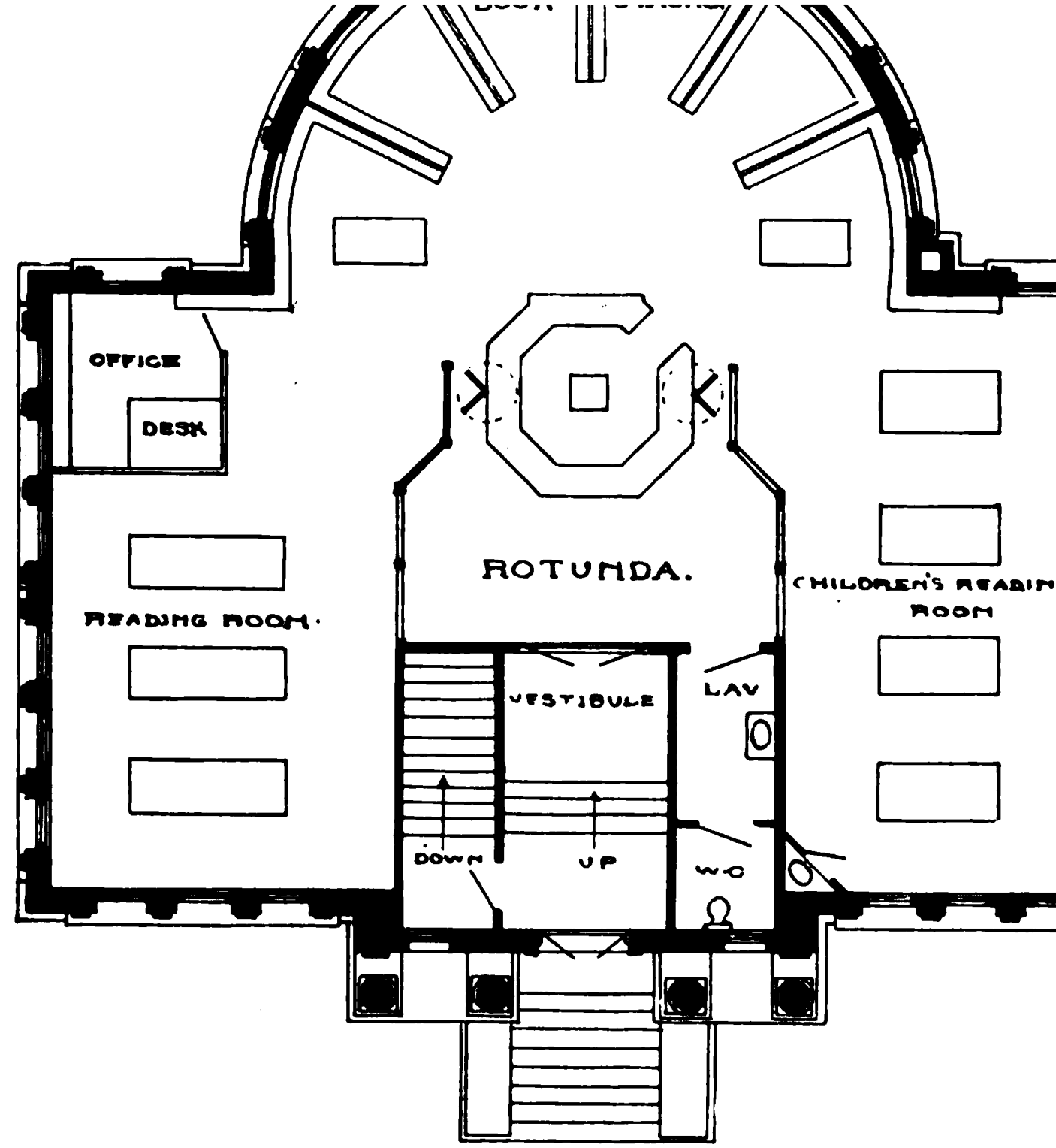

FIRST FLOOR PLAN

CARNEGIE BRANCH, FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, ST. JOSEPH, MO.

The Free Public Library of St. Joseph, Mo

(From the Library Journal, New York.)

At noon on March 13, 1902, the new home of the St. Joseph Free Public Library was opened to the public. It had been closed for two weeks, during the period of removal and taking of a complete inventory. Prior to the closing, card-holders were permitted to take double the number of volumes ordinarily allowed, teachers all they could use to advantage, and clubs sufficient to carry on their work without interruption. No penalties were charged for overdue books, but all volumes were required to be returned to the library within four days after the reopening. There was no especial program for the opening, the library simply announcing that it was ready for business. On the Saturday following the opening, the library closed at 6 o'clock p. m. and reopened at 7:30 for a reception to the public by the members of the school board, the library board, and the library staff. An attractive feature of the building is the provision made for special illumination, and the large number of visitors who attended were greatly pleased

The building now occupied as the home of the library and the offices of the school board is the result of a "ten years' war" waged by friends of and believers in the library movement. The establishment of the library was authorized by a vote of the people in April, 1890. Ten years later, lacking two days, by another vote, bonds in the sum of $100,000 were authorized for the building. No outside aid was asked for or received. The library regards as more than an implied honor the fact that the building was erected by the school district in acknowledgment of the work it is doing and has done along educational lines—thus making it officially a part of the educational system of the school district. It is worthy of notice that the school board has no official connection with the library, and is not even represented on the library board, the latter being a separate and distinct body. The building cost 96,500, including stacks, shelving and a portion of the furniture; $11,000 was paid for the site, which is 120x140 in size.

The selection of the plans and construction of the building was placed in the hands of a joint committee of six, three from the membership of the school board and three from the library board. At an early meeting of this committee competitive plans were asked for, a suggestive blue print of floor arrangement being supplied to competing architects. Seven plans were submitted, those of E. J. Eckel of St. Joseph being awarded the first prize of $400. Three other awards of $300, $200 and $100 were made, the plans submitted becoming the property of the school board. Mr. Eckel was appointed supervising architect. It is worth noting that the plans receiving the awards approached nearer the blue print suggestions than any others, and that the building as erected is almost on identical lines with the preliminary suggestions.

The building is 98x110 feet on the ground, two stories high with high basement. On account of the slope of the lot, the approach side from the

city shows three full stories, the floor on this side of the building being on a level with the ground. It is built of Silverdale limestone, a light buff stone secured in southern Kansas. As may be seen from the view given elsewhere, it is on clasic lines. To the left of the entrance is the bicycle court, to be fitted up with a locker bicycle holder . Entrance to the building is secured by means of side steps, with turn to landing, thence through an open vestibule of white Italian marble. Three double doors, with plate glass, lead to the rotunda, 22x50 feet. On the left is the stairway of steel and Tennessee marble leading to the second floor, and back of this is the children's room. This room contains all the juvenile books, and is fitted with tables and chairs. Prevailing decorations here are in blue, buff and gold. The use of this room will prove but temporary, as it will soon be too small. Eventually it will be transferred to the first floor on the west side, where a room over twice as large, designed for museum purposes, will be occupied. Adjoining the children's room is the reading room, 35x38. This use will be temporary, as with the growth of the library this room will be transformed into a reference department, and the reading room removed to the second floor. The partition between the rotunda and the reading room is of plate glass, serving the several purposes of assisting in lighting the rotunda, of making the library cheerful, poses of assisting in lighting the rotunda, of making the library cheerful, and, better than all, of doing away with the necessity of a special reading room attendant, as the room is at all times under complete surveillance from the charging desk, situated at the entrance to the open shelves. The floor of the rotunda is of mosaic tiling, with marble wainscoting, scagliola columns and pilasters. Additional light is provided through a light well in the floor above, surmounted by a dome which affords the real architec- directors' room. Adjoining this is the office of the librarian, and between ladies' reception room, back of it being the large class and study hall and directors' room Adjoining this is th office of the librarian, and between this and the stack room is the cataloging and work room of the library. From a library standpoint, this latter room is as complete as possible. Situated on the east side of the building, it has fine light, and is provided with supply closets, lockers for the attendants, elevators and stairway to the bindery room, immediately beneath. In size it is 18x26 feet. From the rotunda access to the shelves is obtained through turnstiles on either side of the charging desk. This desk is of Tennessee marble, and is large enough to accommodate seven people, with ample working room.

The open shelf room is 48x54 feet, with 26-foot ceiling. A gallery runs along the north wall, occupied at present by the government collection. As the library grows, a second gallery will be added. The present shelf capacity of the library is 45,000 volumes, but with the arrangement as it will be finally, more than double this capacity will be afforded. It is understood, of course, that everything owned by the library is accessible to the public. Abundant light is provided in this room, even in the darkest corner under the gallery, by windows and ceiling light. The right corner of the stack room contains the card catalogue, convenient to the public and to the catalog-

ing department. Between the rows of shelving are tables for the use of the public, and the information desk. The stack room is provided with three dust ducts; electrical heaters start a draught, which carries dust knocked from the books out of the building through openings in the walls and roof. While the building is wired for incandescent electric light, and fixtures include this, light is secured from gas, required from the company's franchise to be furnished free, and arc light, furnished by the city from its street lighting plant. As an extraordinary feature for show occasions, like the opening, all lights may be used, and the effect is striking.

The ground floor, or basement, contains, in addition to the museum previously mentioned, a room for bound newspapers, fitted up with roller shelves, at present containing the files of the local newspapers, practically complete, deposited through the courtesy of the newspaper owners. The value of this collection will be appreciated by librarians when it is understood that the papers date from 1845, and contain the first newspapers published in this portion of the middle west. Temporarily, the Patent Office Gazette is filed in this room. There are also on this floor two supply rooms used by the school board, toilet rooms for men and women, bindery, janitors' room, lunch room for library attendants, and a large boiler room. A fumigating room is provided in the receiving or unpacking room, near the entrance at the east side. This has a flue or duct to the roof, and works well. The building is heated by steam, and the boiler capacity is sufficient to furnish heat for a school building across the street.

On the second floor, besides the school board offices, consisting of five rooms, is the art room, a handsome little room with ceiling light only, 16x44 feet. This room now contains a loan exhibit of pictures by home artists, the only exception being a picture by Brown, the artist of street waif life. It will be followed by other collections in the near future, the aim being to arouse sufficient interest to form a local art league, to which will be turned over the management of this room. The assembly room on this floor has a seating capacity of about 300. It is used at present for teachers' meetings, lectures, etc.

The library floor proper is covered with cork carpet, which is found to be very satisfactory. The decoration of the building is in perfect harmony, worked out in green and gold effects.

In planning the building, the one idea sought to be developed was that of making every book, pamphlet or other thing of value accessible to the public, and this has been accomplished. Of course it is too early to judge of the effect of the open-shelf system upon the public, but there is yet to be heard the first word of complaint or disappointment.

The building is located on the central business street, within two blocks of three street car lines which transfer to all portions of the city and is within three blocks of the heart of the retail district. It is not only a handsome structure, but is well built, none but the best materials being used. It is of fire proof construction, steel and metal being used, with stone and concrete used in the roof, on top of which are Spanish tiles.

The shelving was furnished by the Art Metal Construction Company

Jamestown, and is satisfactory in every way. The contractor was a local man, Charles Nowland, and no fault has yet been found with his work.

With an eye to the future, the building is so planned that, while being practically complete today, it is susceptible of enlargement to many times its present capacity. The present building duplicated to the north will give it another street frontage, the stack rooms coming together, with room for a closed stack, if deemed desirable, to accommodate hundreds of thousands of volumes. Hopes are cherished of fulfilling these plans some day, and seeing an institution on the order of the Pittsburgh Carnegie Institute established here for the middle west. P. B. W.

The Carnegie Branch, Free Public Library, St. Joseph, Mo.

From the Library Journal.

In developing the plans of the Carnegie branch library, special attention was given to the questions of access to everything readable and economy of administration. The building is now being erected in the stock yards district, and will be used largely by people and children belonging to the working classes, most of whom have never had the advantages to be derived from the use of a library. The contribution of $25,000 for the erection of the building was secured from Mr. Carnegie by Mr. John Donovan, general manager of the stock yards company. This gentleman is also interested in the land company which gave a block of ground 260x400 feet, on which to place the building. The delay in commencing the building was caused by the failure of the city to establish grades and provide adequate sewerage. The building complete, including charging desk and tables, is contracted for the sum of $23,050, not including shelving or cork carpet.

The building is of buff brick, with stone trimming, slate roof, and fireproof construction. The plans, given elsewhere, show the arrangement, and are correct, with the exception that to the left of the entrance of the rotunda is a locker for the employes.

The basement or ground floor is six feet below the surface and eight feet above, and is divided into an assembly room 30x32 feet, which it is the present intention to use as a men's club room. It is not necessary for one to go into the library proper in order to reach this room. A pleasant little room for the use of women's clubs or school classes, as occasion may warrant, is across the hall. Adjoining this is the library work room, with shelving for storage of books and periodicals not in use. Under the circular stack are the boiler and fuel rooms and men's toilet.

The first, or library, floor is 32x54 feet, without the circular stack, which latter is on a radius of 34 feet. The rotunda is formed by oak and glass railings, extending six feet from the floor. The children's room is on the right, the entire side of the building, equipped with wall shelving,

a blackboard being in the center. The tables will vary in height, the lower ones being nearer the charging desk. On the left is the reading room, with shelving for popular books. As the ceiling in this room is 16 feet high, provisions are made for a two-story stack, should the use of the library in the future warrant it. The charging desk is octagonal in form, with turnstiles on each side, this form being adopted after a talk with Mr Anderson of Pittsburg.

This charging desk contains a card catalogue case, opening toward the books in the rear, while on the interior arrangements are made for everything for which a use can be found at this place—supplies of all kinds, application cards and register, charging tray in the center, and other little things which are looked upon as time-savers if convenient to the hand.

This library has a maintenance fund of $2,500. This is the first branch library building, built especially for such use, in the state of Missouri.

P. B. W.

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FOR THE

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FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

ST. JOSEPH, MO.

OFFICERS.

President ..... J. W. Atwill
Vice-President ..... H. K. White
Secretary-Treasurer ..... Chas. A. Pfeiffer
Assistant Secretary ..... Purd B. Wright

DIRECTORS.

Term expiring 1903	Term expiring 1904	Term expiring 1905
J. W. Atwill	Chas. P. Cargill	H. K. White
A. B. Weakley	*Brother Elzear	Chas. A. Pfeiffer
	Elliott Marshall	
John Michel	Clay C. Macdonald	James H. McCord

*Resigned on account of leaving city.

COMMITTEES.

LIBRARY—White, Atwill, McCord.
ADMINISTRATION—Cargill, Michel, Weakley.
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS—McCord, Marshall, Macdonald.
FINANCE—Pfeiffer, Cargill, Weakley.
BY-LAWS—White, Macdonald, Michel.
ART—White, McCord, Macdonald.

LIBRARY STAFF.

Purd B. Wright, Librarian.
Lulu C. Senter, Assistant Librarian.
Assistants—Annie M. Perry, Eudora Martin, Maggie Elam, Minnie Peterman, Lillian Kerr.
Substitutes—Tillie Lohr, Jessie Gibson.
Messengers—Milton Myers, Joseph Mann.

CARNEGIE BRANCH.

Lulu C. Senter, Librarian in charge.
Assistant—Frank Weary.
Janitor—John Dougher.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER TRANSMITTING REPORTS.

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen: It is with more than the usual degree of pleasure that I transmit for your consideration the reports of the officers, committees and librarian of the Free Public Library of the city of St. Joseph for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1903. This period embraces the first year of the library in the new quarters, and covers a sufficient length of time in the working of the branch library to give a fair idea of what may be accomplished by this extension of library work.

A gratifying increase is noted in the use of the library. The report of the librarian shows than over 24 per cent more books were issued for home use than the year before, while the use of the reading room and books for reference has more than trebled.

The slight increase in the money accorded for the year about covered the additional expense of maintaining the new quarters, hence the growth, aside from the accessions for the branch, was about the same as heretofore. With these added, the growth has been the most marked in the history of the library.

Use of Carnegie branch, which was opened Dec. 1, last, has demonstrated the value of placing books where they may be easily and readily obtained by would-be users. The library has for several years maintained a delivery station in the section where this branch is located, besides placing collections of books in two schools during the school term. The largest use thus secured, under the most favorable conditions, was about 1,800 volumes a year, while during the first five months of the existence of the branch five thousand volumes have been issued for home use, besides a large and constantly growing use of the reading and reference departments.

It is a matter of regret that the funds available for library purposes will not admit the establishment of two more branches, in the eastern and northern portions of the city. It will be some years, under existing library laws and resources, before sufficient funds can be provided for maintaining additional branches, even were the buildings supplied. It has been estimated that an endowment of $50,000 would provide a proper building, furnish books and cover all operating expenses of a suitable branch library for either section of St. Joseph for a period of ten years, at the end of which time the city should be in position to maintain it. Citizens of other cities deem such an investment a wise one. I am sure the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library would deem it a pleasure to become responsible for the execution of such a trust.

It is pleasant to note that as a result of the increase in the assessed valuation of property, this institution will receive its proportion of the

additional taxes collected, which will permit of needed extensio work and some library improvements.

Directing your attention to the reports herewith, as they the operations of the library, I am,

Very respectfully,

J. W. ATWI

President Board of Directors of the Free Public L

St. Joseph, Mo., April 30 1903.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library, St. Josepl

Gentlemen: I herewith submit the report of the treasurer, e all the receipts and expenditures of the library for the fiscal yea this date.

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Respectfully submitted,

April 30, 1903. CHAS. A. PFEIFFER, Treas

State of Missouri,
County of Buchanan, } ss.

Before me, J. C. Hedenberg, a notary public in and for th aforesaid, personally appeared Charles A. Pfeiffer, Treasurer Board of Directors of the Free Public Library of the City of St. and made oath that the facts and figures above set forth are tru best of his knowledge and belief. Given under my hand and 11th day of May, 1903.

J. C. HEDENBERG, Notary Pu

My commission expires Nov. 11th, 1905.

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Directing your attention to the reports herewith, as they cover all the operations of the library, I am,

Very respectfully,

J. W. ATWILL,

President Board of Directors of the Free Public Library.

St. Joseph, Mo., April 30 1903.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library, St. Joseph, Mo.

Gentlemen: I herewith submit the report of the treasurer, embracing all the receipts and expenditures of the library for the fiscal year ending this date.

The apportionment for library purposes for the fiscal year was $10,-500, of which amount $2,500 was set aside for the maintenance of Carnegie branch. The city collections slightly exceeded the apportionment, for the main library the amount in excess being $80.40, of which $79.95 was expended, 45 cents being returned to the city treasury; the excess for the branch fund was $25.07, also returned to the city treasury.

The statement following covers the entire receipts and expenditures including the petty or "special" library account.

Expenditures through the city departments are all accounted for in detail, on duplicate vouchers, endorsed by the finance committee of the Library Board, approved by its president as allowed, the originals of which are on file with the city auditor, the duplicates being kept at the library in the hands of the librarian and assistant secretary. Expenditures by the librarian from the petty or "special" account are reported monthly, itemized, to the Library Board and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

April 30, 1903. CHAS. A. PFEIFFER, Treasurer.

State of Missouri, }
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Before me, J. C. Hedenberg, a notary public in and for the county aforesaid, personally appeared Charles A. Pfeiffer, Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library of the City of St. Joseph, and made oath that the facts and figures above set forth are true to the best of his knowledge and belief. Given under my hand and seal this 11th day of May, 1903.

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ROTUNDA, LOOKING TOWARD STACK ROOM.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library, St. Joseph, Mo.

Gentlemen: I have the honor to herewith submit to you, as required by the by-laws, the annual report of the librarian, being for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1903. It covers the thirteenth year of the existence of the library.

SUMMARY.

No. volumes in library, 25,435. Net gain for year, 3,916.

Library use, total, 143,459; home use, 120,445; increase, 23,639, or 24.4 per cent. Fiction, 68.32 per cent of total use; 80.23 per cent of home use. No. of cardholders, 6,001. Increase, 1,223.

Total expenditures $13,551.67

ACCESSIONS AND CONTENTS OF LIBRARY.

The library now contains 25,435 volumes, the growth for the year being 3,916. This is in excess of the growth of any one year, and is accounted for by the Carnegie branch, the funds for which were allowed to accumulate for eighteen months before purchases were made. Of these accessions, 2,974 were purchased, 46 transferred from special duplicate collection, 603 periodicals bound, 123 donations classified, 170 U. S. public documents. Withdrawals for the year aggregate 401 volumes, of which 369 were worn out, 17 lost and paid for, and 15 burned. An inventory, just completed, reveals the fact that 52 volumes are missing; 46 from the main stack room, 10 juvenile room, and 3 from the branch. A portion of these were undoubtedly stolen and will not be returned; the remainder, however, will be accounted for. The number of volumes missing is smaller than had been expected, judging from reports of other libraries under the open shelf system.

Following are the accessions and withdrawals, classified, with the net gain in each *class, for the year:*

Class	Accessions	Withdrawals	Net Gain
General	91	5	86
Philosophy	31	0	31
Religion	64	3	61
Social science	200	0	200
U. S. public documents	170	0	170
Philology	13	0	13
Natural science	129	1	128
Useful arts	132	2	130
Fine arts	105	1	104
Literature	362	10	352
Travel	306	1	305
Biography	273	2	271
History	421	0	421
Periodicals, unclassed	603	0	603
Fiction	1,417	376	1,041
Total	4,317	401	3,916

CARD-HOLDERS.

A steady increase in the number of users of the library is noted, the total number of active card-holders being 6,001, of which 509 are patrons of Carnegie branch. This is 1,223 more than reported last year. The number of "active" cards is ascertained by deducting from the number of cards issued within two years all cards which have for any reason been cancelled. Teachers' cards to the number of 87 are in force, and 20 special cards.

USE OF THE LIBRARY.

A total use of 143,459 volumes for the year, 120,445 being issued for home use, makes a notable showing for the library. This is an increase of 23,639 in the number of volumes issued, as compared with last year, with a much larger percentage of growth in the use of books in the library. In the record now kept of library use, only those volumes left on the reference tables are counted, no effort being made to ascertain the number used at the shelves. Even this record is inaccurate, and the figures used are at best but estimates; but it is under, rather than over, the actual use.

Of the total use of the library, aside from periodicals in the reading room, of which no record is kept, 67.38 per cent was fiction; of home use, 80.23 per cent fiction. Adult use of fiction, 63 per cent; juvenile, 17.23 per cent. This percentage includes the use of the special duplicate collection, a large proportion of which is not the property of the library. Home use of library books proper was 77 per cent fiction. Carnegie branch has the record in this regard, the percentage of fiction circulated

being but 67 per cent. (For classified tables of circulation see Appendix A and report of Carnegie branch.)

CARNEGIE BRANCH.

Carnegie branch building was turned over to the library force in November. On the 26th of that month it was opened for inspection by business men. The people of South St. Joseph took possession, and a short program, arranged by them, consisting of brief addresses by prominent and interested citizens, was carried out. On the 28th a reception was tendered the women of that portion of the city, and the 29th was set aside as children's day. A large number of visitors were received, and all expressed themselves as pleased. The library was formally opened for the issue of books December 1. Application blanks had been distributed through the schools and placed in prominent places prior to the opening. The first cards were issued on children's day.

June 15, Miss Senter, assistant librarian, was detailed in charge of branch work, doing the cataloging and preparatory work. Printed cards from the congressional library were used as far as obtainable. When the library was opened everything practicable was in readiness. Total expenditure for salary for the branch for the year was $788.

Some care has been given to beautifying the grounds, and the trees and shrubs are doing well. Within a few years the surroundings should be very attractive.

The report to me of Miss Senter, librarian in charge, is submitted in its entirety, covering, as it does, details of the work which are most interesting. It follows this report. The interest shown by Miss Senter in the work incident to installing the library, her plans for interesting the people therein, are to be commended.

In this connection I cannot refrain from referring to the good accomplished by the placing of books, even in comparatively small collections, where they are readily accessible to the people. With delivery stations and two collections in school houses, the best circulation the library had heretofore obtained in the southern portion of the city, had been less than 1,800 yearly; this not counting, of course, the few books taken from the library by people who used it direct. From an experience of five months, it is safe to estimate that between twelve and fifteen thousand volumes will be issued for home use the coming year, besides a large use of the library for reference and reading purposes.

There is need at this time for more branches, in the northern and eastern portions of the city. From the standpoint of reaching and benefitting the masses, the duplication of books that are suitable for the many through branches is preferable to piling up on shelves in the main library books valuable only to the few.

SPECIAL DUPLICATE COLLECTION.

An experiment with the special duplicate collection did not result as satisfactorily as anticipated. A contract was made with a concern circu-

lating books for supplying 125 volumes, subject to six changes yearly, for a stipulated sum, payable quarterly. The use the library was to make of the volumes thus secured was explained, the necessity for new titles only being imperative. On the first order sent in, but one-half the titles asked for were furnished, the remainder being old or books not considered worthy of library circulation. The contractor declined to remedy the matter and finally, by mutual agreement, the contract was annulled. At a total expense of $132.92, the library received in return $199.40; 93 volumes were added to the collection, and through it the free collection has, or will soon, be benefitted to that extent. In addition, the library patrons have had the use of sixty other volumes, besides those in the collection at the first of the year. The duplicate collection has long since demonstrated its popularity, and in the future will be increased. It relieves the library to a great extent from an investment of its regular funds in popular fiction. My observation is that it increases the use of fiction. However, the people who use these books would secure them some place, and by supplying them from the library a hold is maintained on the readers that would otherwise be lost. If this class of readers cannot secure the better popular novels at the library when they wish them, they permit their library cards to lapse, and, as a result, practically cease reading anything but fiction. Here they will, more often than may generally be supposed, take class books; but observation of the 2-cent a day libraries and others reveals the fact that fully 99 per cent is fiction.

THE OPEN SHELF SYSTEM.

The open shelf system, adopted on occupying the new quarters, has proven satisfactory in every way. As was anticipated, the books have worn more, and some have been stolen; but what has been lost to the library in any way has been more than made up by the increase in the popularity among the people and the satisfaction expressed by them. Of the missing volumes, some were possibly overlooked in the inventory, others will be returned, having been taken inadvertently or through mistake.

DELIVERY STATIONS.

Stations five, six and seven have been discontinued; the first on account of the opening of the branch, the others because it was found that the people preferred coming to the library for their book service. Stations 1 to 4 continue as heretofore, and through them 6,665 volumes were circulated.

WORK IN GENERAL.

During the year 3,500 cards from the congressional library have been used by the cataloging department, the work on the branch being greatly

facilitated thereby. The cost was but $25.00. These cards are also used for all new titles added to the main library, and for all older ones when obtainable.

Work of reclassifying fiction in the main library progresses, and it is hoped soon to have it completed. The Cutter-Sanborn author numbers are being used. Fiction in the branch is so classed.

The expense of rebinding books increases in direct ratio with the increased use of the library.

While the accessions to the library have been printed as heretofore in the Daily Gazette, but two bulletins were published. A change in the measure of the columns of the newspaper was made, which makes it impracticable to use the slugs in an annual supplement. It will be necessary to arrange for this publication as a distinct proposition.

On account of insufficient books, and the large use at the library, no attempt was made to continue the placing of small libraries in school houses in the suburbs. The branch library supplies four such schools, however, much more satisfactorily than could be done from school boxes. An attempt is to be made this fall to resume the plan in at least six schools. I am satisfied, from investigation, that four additional school libraries would be used largely if provided.

Taken as a whole, the work of the library for the year has been satisfactory. With the additional funds which will accrue to the library as a result of the increased assessment, a great deal can be accomplished during the ensuing year.

For classified table of circulation, list of donors, and report of Carnegie branch, see appendices following.

In closing I wish to acknowledge the hearty co-operation of the members of the library staff, and to express thanks to the members of the library board for kindly consideration at all times.

Respectfully submitted,

PURD B. WRIGHT, Librarian.

St. Joseph, Mo., April 30, 1903.

State of Missouri,
County of Buchanan, } ss.

Before me, R. R. Calkins, a notary public in and for the county aforesaid, personally appeared Purd B. Wright, librarian of the Free Public Library of the City of St. Joseph, and made oath that the facts and figures herein are correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Given under my hand and seal this 9th day of May, 1903.

R. R. CALKINS, Notary Public.

My commission expires April 11, 1905.

APPENDIX A—CLASSIFIED TABLE OF CIRCULATION.

Class	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Total
General	84	50	57	73	83	67	63	57	67	74	91	86	812
Philosophy	59	37	44	44	30	39	34	33	56	55	68	66	565
Religion	73	75	56	86	68	106	74	80	111	132	125	108	1,015
Sociology	60	61	65	86	73	73	61	69	96	87	104	93	903
Philology	4	5	3	4	8	3	6	4	7	6	7	6	62
Natural science	82	109	84	62	75	97	89	96	123	120	135	151	1,233
Useful arts	51	56	57	57	63	46	60	62	90	80	99	76	738
Fine arts	61	107	87	73	48	52	53	55	100	90	104	93	954
Literature	237	246	213	204	191	206	201	206	360	297	354	300	3,208
Poetry and drama	151	75	104	101	93	142	132	138	170	161	163	176	1,636
Travel	291	260	252	228	187	227	219	284	340	340	305	288	3,275
Biography	226	204	187	185	148	187	187	230	263	259	307	237	2,572
History	279	216	196	171	212	287	254	256	326	354	378	253	3,144
Current magazines	265	258	234	271	273	303	293	252	378	341	350	334	3,605
Fiction, adult and juvenile	7,992	8,653	8,819	8,221	7,108	7,336	7,349	7,307	9,119	7,678	9,040	8,093	96,711
Total home use	9,865	10,392	10,518	9,751	8,642	9,062	9,031	9,341	11,609	10,263	11,732	10,355	120,445
*Reference use	1,960	1,809	1,701	1,416	1,669	2,160	1,921	1,963	2,126	2,016	2,288	2,089	23,014
Total use	11,825	12,201	12,219	11,867	10,311	11,222	10,952	11,308	13,735	12,279	14,020	12,436	142,459
Days open	26	25	26	26	23½	27	24	26	26	24	26	26	304½
Average daily use	455	488	470	453	439	419	456	435	528	511	538	477	471
Average daily circulation	379	416	404	390	338	339	376	355	447	398	450	398	368

*See report

APPENDIX B.—DONATIONS.

Vols.	Nos.	Pamp.	Donor
...	...	2	American Library Association.
...	...	1	American Sports Publishing Co.
11	...	...	Atwill, J. W., Secretary.
1	...	...	Bass, Mr., St. Joseph, Mo.
...	5	...	Boston Book Co.
2	...	...	Boston, (Mass.) City of.
3	...	...	Bullard, Rev. Henry.
...	...	4	Canada Department of Agriculture.
...	...	1	Chase & Sanborn, Chicago, Ill.
1	4	...	City of Chicago, Ill.
...	...	...	Citizens of St. Joseph (Mo.), 2 oil paintings.
...	...	1	Continental Press, N. Y.
38	44	...	Druckmiller, Paul P., St. Joseph, Mo.
1	...	...	Edgar, T. B., St. Louis, Mo.
...	...	1	Ehrlich, F., New York.
1	...	...	Fox, Charles O., St. Joseph, Mo.
...	...	4	Grogg, Sylvester, St. Joseph, Mo.
2	...	...	Harriman E. M., New York.
1	...	...	Hegir, Robert, Saxton, Mo.
1	...	...	Hills Genealogical Society.
...	36	...	Hohl, Mrs. John, St. Joseph, Mo.
...	...	...	Huggins, L. & W., Marble Statue.
...	...	4	Indian Rights Association.
...	...	4	Iowa Library Commission.
2	...	...	Joseph Lodge No. 73, I. O. B. B.
1	...	...	Kansas State Historical Society.
...	...	1	Lake Mohonk Arbitration Conference.
1	...	...	Lawson, Thos. W.
...	...	1	League of American Municipalities.
...	...	1	Lee, Lieut.-Gov. John A., St. Louis, Mo.
1	...	...	Lemon, Mrs. John S., St. Joseph, Mo.
22	...	...	McCabe, Mrs. M. J., St. Joseph, Mo.
1	...	...	McDonald, Mrs. A. C.
1	...	...	McMahon, Joseph H., New York.
...	...	1	Merchants' Exchange, New York.
...	...	4	Minnesota Library Commission.
...	...	12	Missouri Historical Society, St. Louis, Mo.
...	...	1	Missouri State Historical Society, Columbia, Mo.
..	...	3	Missouri Society Sons of Revolution.
...	12	...	Morton, Dr. Daniel F., St. Joseph, Mo.
1	...	...	Neville, John Ormond.
2	...	...	Ohio State Library, Columbus, Ohio.
...	...	1	Palmer, H. R., New York.
...	...	1	Pennsylvania Prison Society.
33	...	...	*Pfeiffer, Charles A., St. Joseph, Mo.*

Vols.	Nos.	Pamp.	Donor
...	...	1	Porrier, Lydia N., Duluth, Minn.
1	...	...	Randolph, Lewis.
1	...	...	Ransom, Daniel, St. Joseph, Mo.
35	...	...	Ransom, F. Thomas, St. Joseph, Mo.
2	...	...	St. Joseph, Mo., Theosophical Society.
1	...	1	Santa Fe R. R. Co.
1	...	...	Smith, G. Hutchinson.
...	300	...	Sturgis, J. H., New York.
1	...	...	Super, Chas. W.
1	...	...	Universalist Pub. Co.
...	...	3	University of Missouri.
...	...	10	Wisconsin Free Library Commission.
16	...	12	Wright, Mrs. Purd B., St. Joseph, Mo.

LIBRARY EXCHANGES.

Bulletins, Reports, Special Lists, Etc.

Agullar Free Library, N. Y.; Allegheny (Pa.) Carnegie Free Library; Bellevue (Neb.) College Library; Bradford (Pa.) Carnegie Public Library; Brooklyn (N. Y.) Libraries, consolidated bulletins; Buffalo (N. Y.) Public Library; Atlanta (Ga.) Carnegie Library; Carnegie Library, Nashville, Tenn.; Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa.; Chicago (Ill.) Public Library; Cleveland (O.) Public Library; Cossitt Library, Memphis, Tenn.; Council Bluffs (Ia.) Public Library; Detroit (Mich.) Public Library; East St. Louis (Ill.) Public Library; Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, Md.; Evanston (Ill.) Public Library; Forbes Library, Northampton, Pa.; Gloversville (N. Y.) Public Library; Haverhill (Mass.) Public Library; Hartford (Conn.) Public Library; Helena (Mont.) Public Library; Indianapolis (Ind.) Public Library; Iowa State Library, Des Moines, Iowa; Jersey City (N. J.) Free Public Library; Joliett (Ill.) Public Library; Kansas City (Mo.) Public Library; Kansas State Historical Society; Topeka, Kan; Los Angeles (Calif.) Public Library; Library Association of Portland, Ore.; Library Co. of Philadelphia, Pa.; Library of Congress; Mercantile Library Association, St. Louis, Mo.; Milwaukee (Wis.) Public Library; Newark (N. J.) Public Library; New Haven (Conn.) Public Library; New Orleans (La.) Public Library; Newton (Mass.) Public Library; New York (N. Y.) Public Library; Omaha (Neb.) Public Library; Paterson (N. J.) Public Library; Peabody Institute, Danvers, Mass.; Peoria (Ill.) Public Library; Pratt Institute Library, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Providence (R. I.) Libraries, consolidated bulletins; Quincy (Ill.) Public Library; St. Louis (Mo.) Public Library; St. Louis (Mo.) Mercantile Library Association; Salem (Mass.) Public Library; San Francisco (Calif.) Public Library; Scranton (Pa.) Public Library; Sedalia (Mo.) Public Library; Syracuse (N. Y.) Public Library; Toronto (Can.) Public Library; Tufts Library, Weymouth, Mass.; Warren County (Ill.) *Library and* Reading Room Association; Worcester (Mass.) Free Public *Library.*

CORNER OF CHILDREN'S ROOM.

CARNEGIE BRANCH.

To the Librarian:

I respectfully submit the first annual report of the work of the Carnegie Branch of the Free Public Library of St. Joseph for the latter part of the fiscal year ending April 30, 1903.

On the first of December, 1902, the Carnegie Branch was opened for the distribution of books. At that time the volumes in the library numbered 2651, all catalogued and ready for use. Cards had been written for the card catalogue, also a portion of the guides and subject-headings. The first work done after the opening of the library was to finish the card catalogue. Since that time 464 volumes have been added, making the total number of volumes now in the library 3,115 (minus 4 volumes, three of which are missing and one damaged and paid for). Of this number, 562 volumes belong to the reference department and 2,552 to the circulating department. A table showing the number of books in each class will be given elsewhere in this report. These books were all classified and numbered at the main library, leaving only the shelf-listing and card writing to be done at the branch, which work was done as soon after the books were received as the other work of the library would permit.

An effort has been made to interest the patrons of the library in various branches of reading. With this end in view, reading lists have been prepared and those suitable for young people placed in the children's department, while others have been placd in conspicuous places about the library; the books themselves being arranged on a shelf near the list for convenience. These lists have been preserved and are being carefully indexed by subject, the cards made like all subject cards and alphabeted into the card catalogue. It will save much time and duplication of work to have this material readily accessible, and they can be easily added to as we receive new material.

Special effort has been made to interest the children in books on nature and animals, attractive books on those subjects being selected and placed on the tables where they would attract the little ones, and a few pictures of animals and flowers arranged on a canvas stretched for that purpose. At another time books on great Americans were placed on the table. And another day books of voyages and travel were displayed. Three beautiful maps recently placed in the library are frequently used by the children. It seems necessary for some of our young readers who have younger brothers and sisters entrusted to their care to bring them to the library. It is almost impossible to keep these little ones in a pleasant humor while the older ones are reading or making their selections without giving them books or pictures to look at. It seems unwise to give them bound books to use, as they can not handle them without

injuring the book to a certain extent, and our store of pictures for such young people is very limited; therefore I would suggest getting a few picture books for these babies. They need not be expensive or many; but a few little Mother Goose picture books, I know, would be appreciated by the older young readers and would save the better books.

The total number of members for the five months (including 49 transfers from the main library), is 517. To each adult (249) two cards have been issued, giving them the privilege of taking two books at one time. Many have availed themselves of this privilege, while others having less time to read, take but one. Too often that one is fiction. We find that a little individual attention to those whom we see in doubt as to their selections will do more toward keeping down the percentage of fiction than anything we have tried; oftentimes only a suggestion being needed to induce them to read something more substantial.

It is often asked what classes of people avail themselves of the opportunities afforded by the library, and whether the so-called "working class" use it to any considerable extent. In some cases the applicant for borrower's card does not state his or her occupation. The following is a classified list of the borrowers to date:

Baker, 1; blacksmith, 1; bookkeepers, 4; butchers, 14; carpenters, 2; clerks, 27; contractors, 2; coopers, 1; civil engineers, 1; clergymen, 2; domestics, 2; engineers, 1; firemen, 2; housewives, 62; inspector (Gov.), 1; insurance agents, 2; janitors, 2; jeweler, 1; laborers, 38; mechanics, 2; merchants, 5; milliners, 2; newspaper workers, 7; painters, 1; physicians, 1; P. O. employes, 2; real estate agents, 1; railroad employes, 2; school girls, 125; school boys, 78; stenographers, 6; tailors, 1; telephone, 2; teachers, 2; other occupations, 37; not specified, 27. Total, 468.

Of the above number, Swift & Co. employ 48; Hammond Packing Co., 18; Nelson Morris & Co., 12; St. Joseph Stock Yards Company, 19; Armour Packing Company, 1. A total of 98.

The circulation of books is not as large as was hoped for, the number of volumes issued since the library opened being 4,950; but the number drawn from the branch compared with those issued from the main library to the station,s through which this locality was supplied with reading matter before the branch was opened, shows a good increase over last year. A table showing the books of each class drawn for home use will be given elsewhere in this report. It is pleasant to report that but 67 per cent of circulation is fiction.

It is gratifying to note the number of persons who use the library on Sunday. No count has been kept of the Sunday visitors, but it is not exaggerating to say that Sunday is our busiest day. Men, women and children of all classes visit us upon that day. As a rule more reference work is done on Sunday than any other day of the week. Much use is made of the bound magazines as well as the current numbers. About fifteen students from the High School visit the library regularly and so far have been able to secure all material needed for school work. Teach-

STUDY HALL, LIBRARY.

ers have been given the same privileges here as at the main library, that of drawing several books for school use on one card and retaining them an indefinite length of time.

The women of South St. Joseph have organized a study club known as the Carnegie Culture Club, which meets in the study room at the library every alternate Wednesday afternoon. After the work is laid out by the committee, the best books, magazine articles, etc., in both main and branch libraries, on the subjects chosen are listed, and if possible, the books are put on the reference shelf for the exclusive use of the club. Much of the better class of literature is brought into use in this way. All of the ladies have expressed their appreciation of the quiet little room at the library where they can have their literary feasts unmolestd.

The popularity of the smoking room does not grow with the approaching summer. The winter evenings found more boys around the chess and checker boards than the pleasant spring evenings have done; though a fairly good number of men and boys spend a greater portion of Sunday afternoon in the club room. One pleasing feature is that there has never been any tendency toward boisterous or unbecoming conduct in or about the library.

Respectfully submitted,

LULU C. SENTER, Assistant Librarian.

CARNEGIE BRANCH STATISTICS.

CIRCULATION DECEMBER 1 TO APRIL 30.

CLASS	December	January	February	March	April	Total
Philosophy	2	9	10	13	5	39
Theology	12	14	15	13	14	68
Soc. Sci.	10	8	6	11	4	39
Philol.	1	1	0	0	2	4
Nat. Sci.	21	21	23	21	29	115
Use. Arts	1	7	9	12	4	33
Fine Arts	12	13	14	8	9	56
Literature	42	69	64	61	48	284
Poetry and Drama	25	31	29	26	25	136
Travel	49	60	62	47	35	253
Biography	29	40	48	51	35	203
History	64	57	73	60	39	293
Magazines	.....	13	29	35	34	111
Fiction	632	703	672	730	579	3316
Total	900	1,046	1,054	1,088	862	4,950

JUVENILE.

Fiction	263	267	264	278	202	1,274
Class	86	89	111	83	79	448
Total	349	356	375	361	281	1,722

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library, St. Joseph, Mo.

Gentlemen: Your committee reports that it has examined the statement of the treasurer, as required by the by-laws, and finds that it shows all the transactions of the board of a financial nature, both with the city treasurer and the librarian, and that it is correct.

It is gratifying to note that an increase in the assessed valuation of city property will provide the library with additional funds. The exact amount for library purposes has not been determined, but it will approximate $12,000, being $1,500 more than the amount apportioned last year.

The library could make most effective use of a still greater amount of money, and your committee regrets that additional means can not be provided.

CHAS. A. PFEIFFER,
A. B. WEAKLEY,
C. P. CARGILL,
Finance Committee.

April 30, 1903.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library, St. Joseph, Mo.

Gentlemen: The expenditures of the library under the immediate jurisdiction of this committee were as follows:

	Main library	Carnegie branch
Janitory service and supplies	$ 537 50	$ 217 35
Coal and engineer	463 01	102 92
Light		20 80
Furniture	37 10	93 69

Expenditures for the beautifying of the grounds of the Carnegie branch are not included herewith, as all the bills have not been presented. These grounds comprise an entire block, 400x280 feet. Under the supervision of Park Superintendent Rau, with the consent of the Park Board, plans for landscaping were prepared, and the trees and shrubs are now out, the work being done under the direct supervision of the librarian. With additional assistance from the Park Board, it is hoped to make these grounds the most beautiful in the city, eventually to become a park for the extreme southern portion of the city.

J. H. McCORD,
ELLIOT MARSHALL,
CLAY C. MACDONALD,
Buildings and Grounds Committee.

April 30, 1903.

SPECIAL BUILDING COMMITTEE.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library, St. Joseph, Mo.

Gentlemen: The last annual report of this committee gave an account of contracts and work on the Carnegie branch building, for the construction of which Mr. Carnegie gave $25,000.

The building was not completed on time, August 15, not being turned over until November, when it was accepted by your committee, under authority given by the Library Board.

Following is a statement of the expenditures and contracts, with present condition of funds, etc.;

General contract		*$23,050 00	
Additional painting and decorating		85 00	
Architect's fees		719 09	
Lighting fixtures		218 00	
Shelving		577 00	
Furniture:			
Cork carpet	$205 08		
Window shades	21 05		
Floor mats	6 00		
Tables, chairs, etc.	119 00	351 13	$24,998 22
Amount unappropriated			1 78
			$25,000 00

*On the general contract of $23,505, $191.48 is withheld in the hands of the Board Treasurer for construction of walks, which it was not thought advisable to lay until the filled ground had been given ample time to settle. Board walks were laid, being paid for from the maintenance fund. There is also in the hands of the Treasurer $20.00 contracted for in extra painting, for which a bill has not yet been rendered. These amounts, with the $1.78 unappropriated, make the true balance in the hands of the Board Treasurer, $213.26.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. A. PFEIFFER,
H. K. WHITE,
C. P. CARGILL,
Special Building Committee.

April 30, 1903.

Twentieth Annual Report

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City of St. Augustine, Fla.

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FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

OF THE

CITY OF ST. JOSEPH, MO.

FOR THE

FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1904

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

ST. JOSEPH, MO.

OFFICERS.

President ..... J. W. Atwill
Vice-President ..... H. K. White
Secretary-Treasurer ..... Chas. A. Pfeiffer
Assistant Secretary ..... Purd B. Wright

DIRECTORS.

Term expiring 1904	Term expiring 1905.	Term expiring 1906.
Charles P. Cargill.	H. K. White.	John Michel.
Clay C. Macdonald.	Charles A. Pfeiffer.	J. W. Atwill.
Elliott Marshall.	James H. McCord.	Dr. Daniel Morton.

COMMITTEES.

[illegible] McCord, Atwill.
[illegible] Cargill, Michel, McCord.
[illegible] Grounds—Marshall, Macdonald, Morton.
[illegible] Pfeiffer, Cargill, Michel.
By-Laws—White, Marshall, Morton.
Art—McCord, Macdonald, Morton.

[illegible] STAFF.

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[illegible] Martin, Lillian C. Kerr, Tillie [illegible]
[illegible]
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CARNEGIE BRANCH

Lulu C. Sutter, Librarian in charge
Frank Weary, Assistant
John Dougher, Janitor

PRESIDENT'S LETTER TRANSMITTING REPORTS

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1904.

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen: I herewith transmit to your honorable body the official reports of the various officers and committees of the Free Public Library for the year ending April 30, 1904. In so doing, I am impelled to ask a careful perusal of the same, for they will, I believe, be gratifying to you as well as to our citizens generally, as showing a careful and judicious execution of the trust conferred upon the Board of Directors.

The faithful services rendered by the Librarian and his assistants have been recognized by the Board of Directors. The details of the work performed, as evidenced by the report, entitles them to the appreciation of a generous public.

The use of the library is constantly growing, and now that the fund with which the expense of this department is met is steadily increasing, it will more and more each year meet the requirements of its patrons. The needs in the library line of a growing, progressive city continually expands, and the hope is expressed that before many years the St. Joseph Library will be in a position to meet all calls that may be made upon it.

The statistics submitted show that 121,135 volumes were issued for home use, and that 2,508 volumes were added to the library during the year just closed. With a continuation of this progress in growth, a few years will witness a worthy collection on the library shelves, one more in keeping with the size of the city.

The use of the branch library, the first complete year since its establishment, is worthy of especial mention.

Again calling your attention to the reports as covering in detail the operations of the library and all its requirements, I am

Very respectfully,

J. W. ATWILL, President.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library, St. Joseph, Mo.:

Gentlemen: Herewith I submit a detailed report, embracing the receipts and expenditures of the library for the fiscal year ending April 30 1904.

The library apportionment for the fiscal year was $12,000.00, but excess collections, which were allowed the library, increased this $176 60. Of these two amounts, $9,639 80 were credited to the main library and $2 536 80 to Carnegie branch.

The tabular statement submitted herewith, being a portion of this report, covers the entire receipts and expenditures of the library, including the petty or "special" library account. This special fund includes the collections at the library from the duplicate collection, penalties collected from over-due books, books lost and paid for, and any miscellaneous receipts.

As heretofore, expenditures through the city departments, auditor and comptroller, are all accounted for in detail, on duplicate vouchers, approved by at least two members of the Finance Committee of this Board, approved by its President after being allowed thereby, the originals of which are on file with the city auditor, duplicates being retained at the library in the hands of the librarian and assistant secretary. Expenditures by the librarian from the petty or "special account" are reported monthly, itemized, to the Library Board and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. A. PFEIFFER, Treasurer.

STATE OF MISSOURI, }
County of Buchanan, } ss.

Before me, J. C. Hedenberg, a notary public in and for the county aforesaid personally appeared Charles A. Pfeiffer, Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library of the City of St. Joseph, and made oath that the facts and figures contained in his report are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Given under my hand and seal this 2nd day of May, 1904.

(Seal) J. C. HEDENBERG,

My commission expires November 11, 1905. Notary Public.

MAIN LIBRARY.

GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

General fund, from city apportionment		$ 9,639.89	
Deposit by Board Treasurer from special fund		500.00	$10,139.89

DISBURSEMENTS.

By general fund warrants on city treasurer:			
Book account—			
Books	$1,796.90		
Periodicals	415.43		
Binding	949.98	$ 3,162.31	
Salaries, librarian and assistants		4,742.50	
Heating, including engineers		692.22	
Printing and stationery		134.10	
Janitor service		478.00	
Insurance on books		119.00	
Furniture		498.80	
Postage		20.00	
Miscellaneous		290.31	
Repairs		2.65	10,139.89

SPECIAL FUND ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Brought forward in hands Board Treasurer		$ 60.48	
Brought forward in hands librarian		16.15	
Received from duplicate collection		246.10	
Penalties on overdue books		528.56	
Catalogs		10.20	
Supplements		11.90	
Miscellaneous		44.56	$ 917.95

DISBURSEMENTS.

Deposited in general fund by Board Treasurer		$ 500.00	
Disbursements by Librarian—			
Freight and express	$48.31		
Postage	20.61		
Stationery	35.05		
Delivery stations	97.60		
Periodicals	5.63		
Miscellaneous	61.88	268.48	
Balances—			
In hands board treasurer		135.48	
In hands librarian		13.99	917.95

RECAPITULATION.

TOTAL RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

RECEIPTS.

From city apportionment	$ 9,639.89	
Special fund	917.95	$10,557.84

DISBURSEMENTS.

By vouchers on city treasurer, general fund	$10,139.89	
By librarian	268.48	
Balances—		
In hands of board treasurer	135.48	
In hands librarian	13.99	$10,557.84

CARNEGIE BRANCH.

RECEIPTS.

From city apportionment	$ 2,536.80

DISBURSEMENTS.

By general fund warrants on city treasurer:			
Book account:			
Book	$424.26		
Periodicals	97.89		
Binding	77.17	$ 599.32	
Salaries: library assistants		959.00	
Coal		152.00	
Electric light		41.95	
Furniture		80.95	
Janitor service		480.00	
Repairs		930.00	
Miscellaneous (including sodding)		214.28	$ 2,536.80

GENERAL RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

General Fund:		
Main library	$ 9,639.89	
Carnegie branch	2,536.80	
Special fund, main library	917.95	$ 13,094.64

DISBURSEMENTS.

General Fund:		
Main library	$ 10,139.89	
Carnegie branch	2,536.80	
Special fund, main library	268.48	
Balances forward	149.47	$ 13,094.64

CARNEGIE BUILDING FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Received from Mr. Carnegie	$ 25,000.00

EXPENDITURES.

For building, furniture, etc.	$ 24,806.74	
Balance on hand reserved for completing walk (not built on account of filled ground)	193.26	
		$ 25,000.00

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:

Gentlemen: I have the honor to herewith present the fourteenth annual report of the librarian, covering the period from May 1, 1903, to April 30, 1904.

SUMMARY.

Number of volumes in library, 28,049; gain for the year, 2,508.

Number of volumes issued for home use, 124,135; increase, 3,690. Percentage of fiction circulated, 77.47; decrease, 3 per cent. Library use, 18,234 (estimated.)

Financial--Total receipts, $13,094.17; expenditures, $12,945.17; balance, $149.47.

Number of card holders, 6,362; increase, 361.

GROWTH OF THE LIBRARY.

Through an error in the shelf-list, the number of volumes reported as being in the Library one year ago was erroneously given at 25,446; the number should have been 95 more, or 25,541. Total now in library, 28,049.

Accessions for the year numbered 3,116; withdrawals, 608; net growth, 2,508. Included in this count of contents of library are 55 volumes, reported missing at the conclusion of the inventory. Some of these have been misplaced, others have been taken from the library without [illegible] through inadvertence, while a large portion of them have [illegible] not found or returned during the year are [illegible] annual report. (For detailed statistics under this [illegible] volumes in the library, sources of receipts [illegible] the year, see Appendix 1.)

STATISTICS OF USE.

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[illegible] distributed through the different [illegible] travel, however, leading with [illegible] the constantly growing use [illegible] books as supplementary [illegible] much work with the [illegible] foundation for this [illegible] the results in the fu[illegible]

[illegible] January-May was 3,23[illegible] department and 51[illegible] in the [illegible] department. Average [illegible] department, 6,055. [illegible]

While there is, apparently, a slight falling off in the library use of books, the figures are misleading. As reported last year, only the volumes used in the library and left on the tables are counted. The fact that the library use of books reserved for all the study clubs, teachers' clubs, and high school classes are not counted, for the reason that the users know the volumes wanted are shelved in a special place, get them, and, after using, return to the shelves, prevents possibly the best reference use of the library from being counted at all. Other volumes used and retuurned by the users to the shelves are not counted. A conservative estimate of the library use would place it about twice the number of volumes reported.

CARD HOLDERS.

An increase of 361 in the number of card holders is shown by the records, the total being 6,313. Of these, 881 are credited to Carnegie branch. Cards, however, are used interchangeably. This number includes 106 teachers' cards, 4 special cards and 27 life membership cards. In addition, there are 1,242 non-fiction cards. Total cards, 7,555. Borrowers are required to re-register every two years, and from this registration all cards canceled, for any reason, are deducted. Cards reported, therefore, are "active."

A decreased use of books in the children's room of the main library during the summer vacation, with an increase in the school period, is reported. The falling off in circulation is entirely in fiction, this dropping from 17.23 per cent of the general library circulation to 13.67 per cent. 803 volumes were added to this department, the total number now in the room being 3,003 volumes. That this number is entirely inadequate is plainly shown by a visit at any time. The card catalogue, now rapidly nearing completion, is proving of great value to the users of the room. It is hoped to add not less than 1,000 volumes to this collection during the coming year. (For circulation statistics see Appendix 3.)

CARNEGIE BRANCH.

Carnegie branch of the public library is meeting all expectations. The total use for the year, as shown by the report to me of Miss Senter, librarian in charge, aggregated 12,831 volumes, of which 11,082 were issued for home use. The branch still leads the main library in that its percentage of fiction circulated is but 70.16. Children used 3,616 volumes, or 32.6 per cent of the whole. Additions to the library were 449 volumes, making the total 3,564. Of these, 662 are in the children's department for circulation, 56 in the children's reference section and 592 in the general reference section. Card holders number 881, a gain for the year of 272.

All the other work shows satisfactory progress. Club and school work offers the largest field for library influence, and it is being filled as well as means will permit.

CATALOGING DEPARTMENT.

In addition to keeping up the regular work of the department, a new fiction *shelf-list, on cards*, was made, necessitated by the re-numbering

of the fiction by the Cutter-Sanborn author tables. This required 5,390 cards, there being 8,586 volumes listed. The books were re-numbered to correspond, and cards for the catalog in the main library, numbering 10,112, were re-written on typewriter.

In the regular work, 2,192 cards from the Library of Congress were used in the three catalogues maintained, the cost of them being $18.90. They are very satisfactory, and save much time to the library.

Cards for the catalog in the children's room were received from the Pittsburg Library as printed, and numbered and filed. This catalog is now rapidly nearing completion, the total cost to be $80. New books added, and books not in the Cleveland-Pittsburg Libraries list are cataloged under the same rules, the cards being written on the typewriter.

Cards for the Warner Library of the world's best literature were purchased from the A. L. A. publishing section, numbered and filed.

A general revision and checking of the card catalog was begun, and over 5,000 cards re-written. In the progress of the work, when printed cards are not obtainable, they are re-written on the typewriter. All of this work has been under the direct charge of Misses Martin and Kerr, assisted by Miss Lohr and the librarian.

U. S. PUBLIC DOCUMENTS.

During the latter part of the year systematic work with the U. S. public documents was begun. With the aid of the checklists, catalogs, [illegible] government office, the volumes in the library were labeled [illegible] collection arranged by the serial numbers, [illegible] by congresses. Of the duplicates found [illegible] to be of general use will be tran[illegible] other duplicates will be sent to the doc[illegible] to complete important series. Th[illegible] government printing office is now [illegible] publications for designated d[illegible] They will be of great value in [illegible] unknown to the public.

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[illegible] on the pay plan), 176 vo[illegible] receipts from volumes issued [illegible] collection numbered 14[illegible] included in the record [illegible]

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[illegible] stations since the la[illegible] of most librarie[illegible] the year being 5,55[illegible] additional statio[illegible] increasing the delivery days from [illegible] to three times [illegible] and daily.

DONATIONS.

Donations to the library were larger than for many years, the most important being that of a portion of the office library of the late Professor E. B. Neely, superintendent of the public schools at his death, and a former member of the directorate of this institution. The collection comprised 800 volumes. The presentation was made April 15th by Mrs. Neely and her daughters. It is of especial value in works on educational lines and for supplementary reading for the children. (For list of donors, alphabetically arranged, see Appendix 4.)

IN GENERAL.

During the year 1,581 books were rebound at a cost of $735.34, averaging 46.22 cents a volume; 379 periodicals (magazines and newspapers) were bound, costing $291.81, or 77 cents a volume.

The usual yearly finding list was printed; a number of special reading lists were compiled and printed, and the lists of additions to the library were published from time to time in the daily newspapers.

The table showing "Books on questions of the moment," established last year, continues in popularity.

Last October the Missouri library association met at the library. The meeting was largely attended and resulted, at least, in much good to this library. Two hundred and sixty-four teachers from the schools of this city attended the session devoted to the library and the school, while thirty-six representatives from the women's study clubs were present at another session and participated in the discussion following papers on the relations of the library to the club.

In an attempt to reach working men who did not use the library, 73 volumes were placed in the reading room of a union laboring men's club, in charge of the secretary, who was also the business agent of the building trades council. Of these, 48 volumes were issued 91 times for home use, and there was a hall use of 252 volumes. This was the record for ten weeks (Nov.-Jan.) when the secretary left the city and the books were returned to the library. As showing the kind of books that were read, the following is a list of titles of books taken out more than once, preceded by figures showing the number of times issued: (3) Lloyd, Country without strikes; (3) Wyckoff, Workers; (2) Stanley, Clubs for working girls; (2) Kent, Modern seven wonders of the world; (5) Wheeler, Wood-working for beginners; (2) Hodgson, [illegible]; (2) Bigelow, Borderland of Czar and Kaiser; (2) Knox, [illegible] London; (6) Custer, Boots and saddles; (4) Ware, [illegible] and their people; (2) Curtis, Trip [illegible]; (3) Brooks, Abraham Lincoln; (2) Doyle, Great [illegible]; (2) Houston and Kennelly, Electricity [illegible]; (2) [illegible], Hot water heating, steam and gas fitting; (3) [illegible], Practical [illegible]; (3) Hodgson, Carpenter's [illegible]; (2) Reavan, [illegible] incrustation and corrosion; (2) Hasluck, House decoration; (2) Roper, Engineer's handy book. No record was kept of titles used in the hall. Two hundred odd numbers of magazines were also provided, and the report indicates a large use of them.

Work of the reference department of the library grows with each year, and is more and more appreciated by the public. A permanent record is made of all important subjects looked up, a provision for saving time in the future. To encourage pupils in the high school to do some library work during the vacation period, the librarian offered a prize of a gold medal for the best paper, limited to 2,500 words, on the history of the Louisiana Purchase. A number of pupils participated in the contest, the prize being awarded to Erma Griffin. A second paper was of such excellence that an additional prize was given the writer, Marie Perkins.

Through the courtesy of the Chicago office of D. Appleton & Co., an exhibit of the original drawings for a large number of popular books were shown in the library during the early fall. They were greatly appreciated especially by the younger people interested in drawing.

An attractive feature added to the children's room was the display, at different times, of the work of the drawing classes in the grades of the public schools. Heavy art canvas was suspended from the wall and to this were pinned the exhibits. The drawings were furnished through the courtesy of Miss Denton, supervisor of drawing in the schools.

Early in December an exhibit was made in the library of books suitable for Christmas presents. Only those books were shown which could be obtained from local dealers, and for this reason the collection was not as large as it might have been. A large number of people examined the books, and many expressed satisfaction at the exhibit and approved of the plan. Many of the volumes shown were furnished by Wm. Schroeder, Bookseller, who aided in all ways in the work.

[illegible] will be found Contents of the library, Appendix 1: [illegible] in the library, accessions and withdrawals [illegible] Expenditures of library, Appendix 2: [illegible] List of donors and donations, Appendix [illegible]

[illegible] the library and its work on the part of [illegible] testimony. To the members of [illegible] thanks, and to acknowledge kindly [illegible]

[illegible]

PURD B. WRIGHT,
Librarian.

[illegible] in and for the county afore[illegible] librarian of the Free Public [illegible] oath that the facts [illegible] knowledge and belief.

[illegible] May, 1904.

R. R. CALKINS,
Notary Public.

My commission expires April 11, 1905.

APPENDIX 1—CONTENTS OF LIBRARY.

ımber of volumes reported April 30, 1903			25,446
›lumes in library but not reported through error in shelf list			95
			25,541
ccessions for year ending April 30, 1904:			
By purchase	2,023		
By transfer from duplicate collection	143		
By donations, classified	154		
By donations, unclassified	287		
By periodicals bound	269		
By U. S. Government deposits	240	3,116	
′ithdrawals.			
Withdrawals, worn out, etc	543		
Lost and paid for	14		
Lost and unaccounted for	51	608	
'et increase for the year			2,508
'umber of volumes now in the library			28,049

ACCESSIONS AND WITHDRAWALS FOR THE YEAR.

Class	Accessions	Withdrawals	Net Gain
General	72	14	58
Philosophy	23	1	22
Religion	89	3	86
Sociology	112	7	105
Philology	4	0	4
Science	121	2	119
Useful arts	103	2	101
Fine arts	89	5	84
Literature	210	16	194
Travel	246	4	198
Biography	172	2	170
History	202	4	198
Fiction	877	399	478
Periodicals. R. L.	269	3	266
U. S. deposits	240	146	94
Unclassified	287	0	287
	3,116	608	2,508

CONTENTS OF LIBRARY CLASSIFIED.

[illegible]	566	
[illegible]	267	
[illegible]	667	
[illegible]	1,122	
[illegible]	3,610	
[illegible]	91	
[illegible]	779	
[illegible]	474	
[illegible]	488	
[illegible]	2,399	
[illegible]	1,523	
[illegible]	1,864	
[illegible]	2,471	
[illegible]	[illegible]	
[illegible]	[illegible]	
[illegible]	[illegible]	
[illegible]	[illegible]	
Total	[illegible]	
Number of volumes in circulating department	20,501	
Number of volumes in reference department	7,548	28,049

APPENDIX 2—EXPENDITURES OF LIBRARY.

FROM GENERAL FUND.

Book account:			
Books	$2,221.16		
Periodicals	513.32		
Binding	1,027.15	$3,761.63	
Salaries, librarian and assistants		5,701.50	
Heating		844.22	
Printing and stationery		134.10	
Janitor service		958.00	
Insurance on books		119.00	
Furniture		579.75	
Postage		20.00	
Electric light (branch only)		41.95	
Repairs		11.95	
Miscellaneous		504.59	$ 12,676.69

FROM SPECIAL FUND.

Freight and express	$48.31	
Postage	20.61	
Stationery	35.05	
Delivery stations	97.00	
Periodicals	5.63	
Miscellaneous	61.88	$ 268.48
Total expenditures		$12,945.17

APPENDIX 3—CIRCULATION STATISTICS.

CLASS	MAIN LIBRARY			Carnegie Branch	Total	Per Cent
	Adult	Children	School and Club			
General	1,178	267	....	....	1,445	1.08
Philosophy	610	17	....	89	716	0.58
Religion	806	68	10	125	1,009	0.81
Sociology	800	139	29	127	1,095	0.89
Philology	83	6	...	1	90	0.07
Natural science	953	402	39	217	1,611	1.30
Useful arts	732	91	88	122	1,033	0.83
Fine arts	792	201	24	139	1,156	0.93
Literature	3,724	651	130	719	5,224	4.20
Travel	2,496	943	176	694	4,309	3.47
Biography	2,022	404	44	351	2,821	2.27
History	1,884	837	117	418	3,256	2.63
Magazines	3,932	11		262	4,205	3.38
Fiction	76,077	17,077	192	7,819	96,155	77.47
Total	91,089	21,114	849	11,083	124,135	100.
Library and hall use	12,590	3,640	252	1,752	18,234	
Grand Total	103,674	24,754	1,101	12,835	142,369	

Number of days open, 359.

Number of Sundays open, 51.

Average daily issue, 345.

Average secular daily issue, 395.

Average Sunday issue, 50.

Largest issue in one day, 989, Saturday, April 9, 1904.

Smallest issue in one day, 156, September 9, 1903.

Largest issue in one month, 12,427, March, 1904.

Smallest issue in one month, 8,867, September, 1903.

APPENDIX 4—LIST OF DONORS AND DONATIONS.

Vols.	Nos.	Pamp.	Donors.
...	...	1	Aguillar free library, new York.
24	...	...	American Swedenborgian ptg. and pub. Society.
9	...	...	Atwill & Hyatt, St. Joseph, Mo.
1	...	...	Balch, Thomas Willing, Philadelphia, Pa.
...	3	...	Boston Book Co., Boston, Mass.
...	12	1	Brooklyn (N. Y.) libraries.
...	...	3	Brooklyn (N. Y.) public library.
...	...	1	Buffalo (N. Y.) public library.
1	...	...	Carnegie, Andrew, N. Y. Also 2 reproductions.
...	...	2	Carnegie free library, Allegheny, Pa.
..	...	2	Carnegie free library, Braddock, Pa.
..	...	1	Carnegie public library, Bradford, Pa.
..	...	1	Carnegie-Stout public library, Dubuque, Ia.
..	...	1	Carnegie library, Nashville, Tenn.
..	...	1	Carnegie library, Pittsburgh, Pa.
..	...	3	Canada—Department of Agriculture.
..	...	1	Cary library, Lexington, Mass.
1	...	5	Cathedral library association, New York.
..	...	6	Chicago (Ill.) public library.
1	...	...	Chickering & Sons, Boston, Mass.
..	...	3	Cleveland (O.) public library.
..	...	1	Council Bluffs (Ia.) pulic library.
1	...	...	Daily News, St. Joseph, Mo.
4	...	...	Daily Press, St. Joseph, Mo.
..	...	1	Dayton (O.) public library.
..	...	3	Decatur (Ill.) public library.
..	...	1	Delavan University, Greencastle, Ind.
..	...	1	Detroit (Mich.) public library.
..	...	2	Drexel Institute library school, Philadelphia, Pa.
..	...	1	Duluth (Minn.) public library.
..	...	1	East St. Louis (Ill.)public library.
1	...	...	Eliff, J. D., St. Joseph, Mo.
..	...	1	Enoch Pratt free library, Baltimore, Md.
..	...	1	Erie (Pa.) public library.
..	...	1	Evanston (Ill.) public library.
1	...	...	Farnsworth & Co., Cincinnati, O.
3	...	...	Fassett, Charles W., St. Joseph, Mo.
2	...	...	Ferguson, Rev. Charles, St. Joseph, Mo.
1	...	...	Harper & Brothers, New York.
..	...	2	Haverhill (Mass.) public library.
..	...	3	Hawaiian Islands—Government of.
..	...	2	Helena (Mont.) public library.
1	...	...	Hepburn, Mrs. A. P., New York.
16	...	...	Hehl, Mrs. G. M., St. Louis, Mo.
..	...	1	*Huttig-Moss* Mfg. Co., St. Joseph, Mo.

Vols.	Nos.	Pamp.	Donors.
2	...	...	Illinois historical society, Springfield, Ill.
...	...	1	Indianapolis (Ind.) public library.
...	...	5	Iowa library commission, DesMoines, Ia.
1	...	...	James, Mrs. W. K., St. Joseph, Mo.
...	...	12	Jersey City (N. J.) Free public library.
...	...	1	John Crerar library, Chicago, Ill.
3	...	...	Joseph Lodge 73, I. O. B. B., St. Joseph, Mo.
...	...	4	Kansas City (Mo.) public library.
...	...	...	Kelsey Nursery, St. Joseph, Mo., 7 trees.
65	15	20	Kingsbury, Mrs. C. P., St. Joseph, Mo.
...	...	1	Kohler, C.
...	...	1	Lawrence (Mass.) public library.
...	...	2	Library Company of Philadelphia, Pa.
...	...	1	Lombard, Louis.
...	...	12	Los Angeles (Cal.) public library.
...	...	1	Lynn (Mass.) public library.
...	...	1	Maimonides free library, New York.
1	...	...	McNeil, W. H., St. Joseph, Mo.
...	12	...	Marshall, Elliot, St. Joseph, Mo.
...	...	2	Mercantile library association, St. Louis, Mo.
...	...	1	Messenger, The, New York.
...	...	4	Milwaukee (Wis.) public library.
1	...	...	Missouri—Bureau of labor statistics and inspection Jefferson City, Mo.
...	...	1	Missouri—Insurance department.
1	...	...	Morton, Dr. Daniel, St. Joseph, Mo.
2	...	...	Moss, Mrs. J. B., St. Joseph, Mo.
12	...	...	Nash, Harvey C., St. Joseph, Mo.
...	...	...	National Bank of St. Joseph, Mo.
1	...	...	National sound money league, New York.
...	...	5	Nebraska public library commission, Lincoln, Neb
...	...	7	Nebraska agricultural experiment station.
[illegible]	[illegible]	...	Neeley, Mrs. E. B., St. Joseph, Mo., 1 picture.
...	...	[illegible]	Newark (N. J.) public library.
...	...	[illegible]	New Haven (Conn.) public library.
...	...	[illegible]	New Jersey library commission.
...	...	1	New Orleans (La.) public library.
...	...	1	Newton (Mass.) free library.
...	...	12	New York (N. Y.) public library.
...	...	1	New York state library, Albany, N. Y.
...	...	1	Omaha (Neb.) public library.
...	...	1	Paterson (N. J.) public library.
...	...	2	Peabody institute, Danvers, Mass.
...	...	1	Pennsylvania prison society.
...	...	7	Peoria (Ill.) public library.
1	...	...	Phillips, D. L., Washington, D. C.
1	...	...	Pillsbury, Albert E., Boston, Mass.

Vols.	Nos.	Pamp.	Donors.
...	...	1	Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y.
..	...	4	Providence (R. I.) public library.
..	...	4	Quincy (Ill.) free public library.
1	...	...	St. Joseph high school class, 1903.
..	...	15	St. Louis, (Mo.) public library.
..	...	1	Salem (Mass.) public library.
..	...	12	San Francisco (Cal.) public library.
1	..	1	Santa Fe R. R., passenger department, Chicago, Ill.
1	...	...	Saunders, D. F.
1	...	4	Scranton (Pa.) public library.
.	...	1	Sedalia (Mo.) public library.
.	...	1	Society of colonial wars of Missouri.
1	...	2	Sons of Revolution, Missouri society.
1	...	1	Sons of Revolution, St. Joseph (Mo.) chapter.
.	...	1	Syracuse (N. Y.) public library.
.	...	1	Toronto Canada public library.
.	...	1	University of Colorado.
.	...	1	University of Kansas.
0	60	...	U. S.—P. D. department, maps 21.
.	...	.. 6	University of Missouri.
1	...	...	Unknown.
3	...	...	Vesey, Mrs. J. H., St. Joseph, Mo.
.	...	13	Washington, Booker T.
1	440	...	Weakley, A. B., St. Joseph, Mo.
.	...	1	Weymouth (Mass.) public library.
1	...	...	Willman, Jeremy, Los Angeles, Cal.
0	...	...	Willson, Jennie, St. Joseph, Mo.
.	...	3	Wisconsin free library commission.
.	...	1	Worcester (Mass.) free library.

APPENDIX 5—PERIODICALS.

American electrician, w.
American historical review, q.
American journal of sociology, m.
American monthly review of reviews, m.
American teacher, m.
Annals of the American academy of social and political science, b.
Architectural record, m.
Arena, m.
Athenaeum (London), w.
Atlantic monthly, m.
Blackwood's magazine, m.
Bookman, m.
Bookseller, m.
Boston Transcript, W. & S.
*Cameron (Mo.) Sun, w.
Canadian magazine, m.
Cassier's magazine, m.
Catholic world, m.
Century magazine, m.
Chautauquan, m.
Chambers' journal, m.
Charities, w.
Chicago banker, w.
Chicago Record-Herald, d. & S.
Chicago Tribune, d. & S.
Christian science journal, m.
Christian science sentinel, w.
Contemporary review, m.
Cosmopolitan, m.
Country life in America, m.
Critic, m.
Current literature, m.
Dial, s-m.
Education, m.
Educational review, m.
Engineer, s-m.
Engineering magazine, m.
Engineering news, w.
Farm and fireside, m.
Fortnightly review, m.
Forum, q.
Frank Leslie's weekly, w.
*Fresno (Cal.) guide, w.
Harper's bazaar, m.
Harper's monthly, m.
Harper's weekly, w.
Harvard graduates' magazine, m.

lerald of the golden age, m.
lome and school journal, m.
lustrated London News, w.
ıdependent, w.
ıdustrial world and mining record, w.
ıland printer, m.
ıternational quarterly, q.
ıternational studio, m.
ewish review, St. Joseph, Mo., w.
ournal of education, w.
ournal of osteopathy, m.
abor, St. Louis, w.
adies' review, w.
amp, m.
ibrary journal, m.
ife, w.
ippincott's magazine. m.
ittell's living age, m.
ittle chronicle, w.
IcClure's magazine, m.
IcMillan's magazine, m.
lagazine of art, m.
ledical fortnightly, m.
ledical herald, m.
lissionary review of the world, m.
lodern farmer and busy bee, m.
lodern miller, St. Louis, w.
lusical courier, w.
ation, w.
lew England historical and genealogical register, m.
lew York Tribune, d & S.
lineteenth Century, m.
lorth American review, m.
)fficial journal brotherhood of painters, decorators and paper hangers of America, w.
)fficial Gazette of the United States patent office. w.
)uting. m.
)utlook, w.
)ut west, m.
)verland, m.
'ark review, park college quarterly, Parkville, m.
'olitical science quarterly, q.
'opular science monthly, m.
'ublic library monthly, m.
'ublisher's circular (London), w.
ublic opinion, w.
ublisher's weekly, w.
uarterly journal of economics, q.

Quarterly bibliography of book reviewed, q.
Records of the past, m.
Revue des du mondes, s-m.
*St Andrews' cross, m.
*St Joseph Gazette, d & S
*St. Joseph News and Press, d
*St. Joseph Post, w
*St Joseph Union, w.
St. Louis globe-democrat, d. & S.
St. Louis republic, d. & S.
St Nicholas, m
*Saturday lance, w
School journal, w.
School review, m
Scientific American, w.
Scientific American supplement, w.
Scientific American building monthly, m.
Scribner's magazine, m.
*Sound currency, m.
*Stock yards daily journal, d.
Success, w.
University of Missouri studies, q.
*Western dry goods, w.
*Western fruit-grower, m.
Western review, m
William and Mary college quarterly.
*World's fair bulletin, m.
World's work, m.
Youth's companion, m

*Gift

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library, St. Joseph, Mo.:

Gentlemen: Changes in the library staff during the year were as follows: Miss Minnie Peterman and Miss Maggie Elam resigned, both to be married, the vacancies thus created being filled by the appointment of Miss Tillie Lohr and Miss Jessie Gibson from the substitute list. Miss Jennie Willson and Miss Gertrude Braselton were appointed substitutes, the former afterwards being added to the regular force, the latter resigning. Miss Bessie McCoy and Miss Ethel Fife are the present substitutes, being appointed after competitive examination.

Owing to the unexpectedly small use of the library during Sunday mornings and evenings, as shown by statistics submitted by the Librarian, the experiment of the past year of keeping the library open during these hours has been ordered discontinued from this date. The issuing of books on Sunday afternoons from 1:30 to 6:30 will be continued.

Respectfully submitted,

C. P. CARGILL,
JAS. H. McCORD,
JOHN MICHEL,
Administration Committee.

May 1, 1904.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library, St. Joseph, Mo.:

Gentlemen: An inventory of the library, just completed, shows that it contains 28,049 volumes, a gain for the year of 2,508. All purchases were made with the approval of this committee. With the increase in funds occasioned by the larger assessment, the growth of the library is more nearly approaching the needs of the community. The coming year will doubtless witness the largest increase in the number of volumes added to the library in the same length of time in its history, as a greater percentage of its funds will be expended in the book department.

The report of the librarian shows a steady increase in library use, much to the gratification of all interested.

The condition of the books and other property of the library continues good, the large use they are subject to being taken into consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

E. K. WHITE,
JAMES H. McCORD,
J. W. ATWILL,
Library Committee.

May 1, 1904.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library, St. Joseph, Mo.:

Gentlemen: In compliance with the by-laws this committee reports that it has examined the statement submitted by the Treasurer and finds that it shows, correctly, the financial transactions of the Board of Directors. The report checks with that of the city auditor and Librarian.

As a result of a still further increase in the assessed valuation of city property the library will receive for the ensuing year a total of $13,200, of which $10,700 will be for the main library and $2,500 for the Carnegie branch, an increase of $1,200 for the main library.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. PFEIFFER,
C. P. CARGILL,
JOHN MICHEL,
Finance Committee.

April 30, 1904.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library, St. Joseph, Mo.:

[illegible] Expenditures of the library which came under the immediate [illegible] committee were as follows:

	Main library.	Carnegie Branch.
[illegible]	$478.00	$480.0[illegible]
[illegible]	692.22	152.0[illegible]
[illegible]	.....	41.9[illegible]
[illegible]	498.80	81.95

[illegible] Board of Directors this committee is [illegible] commissioners looking to the end of turning [illegible] purposes the grounds surrounding Carnegie [illegible] the southern part of the city, and to [illegible] would require a larger expenditure [illegible] committee deems advisable to use, especially when [illegible] community sought to be served are considered.

Very truly,

ELLIOT MARSHALL,
DANIEL MORTON,
CLAY C. MACDONALD,
Buildings and Grounds Committee.

April 30, 1904.

Fifteenth Annual Report of the

'ree Public Library

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FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

OF THE

CITY OF ST. JOSEPH, MO.,

FOR THE

FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1905.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

ST. JOSEPH, MO.

OFFICERS.

President.....J. W. Atwill
Vice-President.....H. K. White
Secretary-Treasurer.....Chas. A. Pfeiffer
Assistant Secretary.....Purd B. Wright

DIRECTORS.

Term expiring 1905	Term expiring 1906	Term expiring 1907
H. K. White,	John Michel,	Charles P. Cargill,
Charles A. Pfeiffer,	J. W. Atwill,	W. E. Warrick,
James H. McCord,	Dr. Daniel Morton,	Rev. Henry Bullard.

COMMITTEES.

Library—White, McCord, Atwill.
Administration—Cargill, Michel, McCord.
Buildings and Grounds—Morton, Warrick, Bullard.
Finance—Pfeiffer, Cargill, Michel.
By-Laws—White, Morton, Warrick.
Art—McCord, Bullard, Morton.

LIBRARY STAFF.

Librarian—Purd B. Wright.
Assistant Librarian—Lulu C. Senter.
Assistants—Annie M. Perry, reference; Eudora Martin, Lillian C. Kerr, cataloging; Bessie McCoy, children's room; Jessie M. Gibson, Jennie Wilson, desk; Ethel Fife, Annie Knight, substitutes; Milton Meyer, Joseph Mann, messengers.
Carnegie Branch—Lulu C. Senter, Librarian in Charge; Frank Weary, assistant.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER TRANSMITTING REPORTS.

:o the Honorable Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen: In forwarding for your consideration the reports of the 'arious committees and officers of the Board of Directors of the Free Public .ibrary for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1905, I earnestly ask careful eading.

The work of the library is gradually extending along desirable lines, .nd the year covered by these reports has been one of great activity in .ll departments.

It is a matter of deep concern to all connected with the library that he application of the Board for an increase in funds for library maintenance ould not be granted by your honorable body. Last year a ten per cent ncrease in library allowance was provided. The reports herewith show his was followed by an increase of 25 per cent in the number of volumes ssued for home use, and a much larger gain in the use of the library in its ther departments. Of necessity this caused a larger expenditure in maintaining the physical condition of books, bindery expense being one-third arger than the year before. The library force was taxed to the limit in aring for the increased demand, and if this growth in use continues through he coming year, provision will have to be made, in the opinion of the committee in charge, for additional assistance. This will be at the expense f library growth.

The offer of Mr. Huston Wyeth to deposit in the library his curio collection, which he has for years been engaged in gathering, could not be accepted, solely on account of lack of money to procure the cases necessary o comply with the conditions of loan, reasonable as they were. The members of this Board, being unwilling to assume the entire responsibility f saying the offer must be declined, forwarded to you a copy of Mr. Wyeth's etter, and asked thorough consideration of the matter. Your apportionment, just completed, does not carry the amount required, and it will thus be ecessary to notify Mr. Wyeth that the Library Board is powerless to omply with his conditions and to accept and care for the exhibit this year.

Without attempting to summarize the statistics of these reports, some ew points will be presented. Home use of books totaled 149,210 volumes, n increase of 25 per cent; net increase in number of volumes in the library, ,151, or but 11.2 per cent. If a library at all approaching the needs of he community is ever to be had, proportion of growth to use must be more early equalized.

The library is daily becoming more and more a factor in the social life f the city: as an educational feature it surely ranks with the schools, and s a moral influence it occupies a prominent place. The members of the Board, realizing these things, feel that they are not performing their duties as they should be performed without calling your earnest attention to the needs of the library, as they are daily forced upon them.

The library force is to be commended for services under trying conditions. The work accomplished speaks for itself.

Respectfully submitted,

St. Joseph, *Mo., May 11, 1905.* J. W. ATWILL, President.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:

Gentlemen: The statement herewith shows the receipts and disbursements of the library in detail for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1905.

The library apportionment for the year was $13,200, $10,700 being for the main library and $2,500 for the Carnegie branch. Actual credits to the main library account were somewhat less, as is explained fully in the report of the finance committee.

It is proper to state that this report covers the entire receipts and expenditures of the library, including the petty or "special" library account. This special fund includes the collections at the library from the duplicate collection, penalties collected from over-due books, books lost and paid for, catalogs and supplements sold, and any miscellaneous receipts.

As heretofore, expenditures through the city departments, auditor and comptroller, are all accounted for in detail, on duplicate vouchers, approved by at least two members of the Finance Committee, certified by the Presdient after being allowed by the Board, the originals of which are on file with the city auditor. The duplicate vouchers are retained at the library in the hands of the librarian. Expenditures by the librarian from the special account are reported monthly, itemized, to the Library Board and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. A. PFEIFFER,

Treasurer

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1905.

STATE OF MISSOURI, }
County of Buchanan } ss.

Before me, J. C. Hedenberg, a notary public in and for the county aforesaid, personally appeared Charles A. Pfeiffer, Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library of the City of St. Joseph, and made oath that the facts and figures contained in his report are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Given under my hand and seal this 26th day of May, 1905.

(Seal) J. C. HEDENBERG,

My commission expires Nov. 11, 1905. Notary Public.

MAIN LIBRARY.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

om city apportionment		$10,350.50	
:posit by Board Treasurer from special fund		650.00	$11,000.50

DISBURSEMENTS.

By general warrants on City Treasurer:

ɔok account—			
Books	$ 2,207.75		
Periodicals	573.18		
Binding	1,253.77	$ 4,034.70	
ılaries, librarian and assistants		5,144.40	
eating, fuel and engineer		696.92	
rinting and stationery		254.80	
ınitor service		450.00	
lectric light		7.88	
ırniture		46.20	
ɔstage		27.00	
iscellaneous:			
Telephone	32.25		
Catalog cards: L of C., Pittsburg and A. L. A.	125.00		
Expense, A. L. A.	70.00		
Supplies: Ice, etc	102 65	329.90	
epairs		8.70	$11,000.50

SPECIAL FUND ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

rought forward in hands Board Treasurer	$ 135.48	
rought forward in hands Librarian	13 99	
eceived from Duplicate collection	218.90	
Penalties on overdue books	566 04	
Catalogs	7.90	
Supplements	7.10	
Miscellaneous sources	67.14	$ 1,016.55

DISBURSEMENTS.

eposit in general fund by Board Treasurer		$ 650.00	
isbursements by librarian;			
Freight and express	$ 77.72		
Postage	27.35		
Stationery	26.10		
Delivery stations	91.50		
Periodicals	1.85		
iscellaneous	47.12	$ 271.64	
alances: In hands Board Treasurer	80.48		
In hands Librarian	14.43	$ 94 91	$ 1,016.55

RECAPITULATION

TOTAL RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES—MAIN LIBRARY

RECEIPTS.

From city apportionment	$10,350.50	
Special fund	1,016.55	$11,367.05

DISBURSEMENTS.

By vouchers on City Treasurer, general fund	$11,000.50	
By librarian	271.64	
Balances:		
In hands Board Treasurer	80.48	
In hands Librarian	14.43	$11,367.05

CARNEGIE BRANCH.

RECEIPTS.

From city apportionment	$ 2,500.00

DISBURSEMENTS.

By general fund warrants on City Treasurer:

Book account:			
Books	$ 467.61		
Periodicals	100.63		
Binding	84.16	$ 652.40	
Salaries, library assistants		1,026.00	
Coal		172.23	
Electric light		38.55	
Building improvements		48.32	
Repairs		3.53	
Janitor		480.00	
Miscellaneous		78.97	$ 2,500.00

GENERAL RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

Main library, general fund	$ 10,350.50	
Special fund	1,016.55	
Carnegie branch, general fund	2,500.00	$13,867.05

DISBURSEMENTS.

Main library, general fund	$11,000.50	
Special fund	271.64	
Carnegie branch, general fund	2,500.00	$13,772.14
Balances forward:		
In hands Board Treasurer	80.48	
In hands Librarian	14.43	94.91
		$13,867.05

CARNEGIE BRANCH BUILDING FUND.

RECEIPTS.

ɜceived from Mr. Andrew Carnegie		$25,000.00

DISBURSEMENTS.

›r building, furniture, library equipment	$24,806.74	
ılance on hand, reserved for completing walk (not built on account of filled ground)	193 26	$25,000.00

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:

Gentlemen: Herewith is presented the annual report of the Librarian, covering the fifteenth year, May 1, 1904, to April 30, 1905.

SUMMARY.

Number of volumes in library, 31,200: increase for year, 3,151; in school supplementary reading collection, 3,027, placed in library by school district of St. Joseph, October, 1904.

Number of volumes issued for home use, 149,210; increase, 25,075, of which 12,070 were from school collection. Average daily issue, 416.

Percentage fiction circulated (including children's stories), 69.218: Decrease, 8.252 per cent.

Financial: Total receipts, $13,867.05; expenditures, $13,772.14; balances, $94.91.

Number card holders, 6,708; increase, 483; number of teacher's cards, 246; increase, 140.

GROWTH AND CONTENTS OF LIBRARY.

Additions for the fiscal year numbered *3,806; withdrawals, 655; net increase, 3,151. Of the 55 volumes reported missing last year, 11 were found, leaving 44 unaccounted for, which are included in books withdrawn. This year the inventory discloses 55 volumes missing. For an open-shelf library, this percentage of loss is regarded as small.

By taking advantage of the many opportunities to purchase books at clearance sales, through cut price dealers, second-hand and foreign dealers, and including large numbers of books published longer than one year—evading the limited discount books to as great extent as possible—the average cost per volume of books added is somewhat less than for several years.

CIRCULATION AND LIBRARY USE.

The issue of books for home use was †149,210 volumes, an increase of 25,075. The use of fiction was 69.218 per cent of the total, as against 77.47 last year, a decrease of 8.252 per cent. While an increase is noted in the use of the adult department of the main library of over 1500 volumes, fiction shows a decrease of 2012 volumes.

No attempt is made to include in the statistics a statement as to library or reference use. An account is kept of books used in the library and left upon the tables, but this comprises such a small proportion of the actual use that it is regarded as worthless as statistics. Volumes left upon the tables, 21,617. As all club and school reference books are placed on specified shelves, used by persons interested and replaced, no one can know the number of times they are consulted. Possibly a fair estimate of library use would be two and one-half times the number left upon the tables, or approximately 50,000 volumes. No attention whatever is paid to library use in any of the tables or percentages used in this report.

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*Library Statistics, book account. †Same, circulation.

CARD HOLDERS.

Number of card holders, 6,708; increase 483. Total cards outstanding,),456. These figures include 246 teachers' cards, 1 deposit card, 2 cards 'or the blind, 19 "life-membership" cards, and 2,748 non-fiction cards. Registration is required every two years, and from this registration all cards :ancelled, for any reason, are deducted. Cards reported, therefore, may ɔe regarded as active.

BRANCH AND STATIONS.

Continued good work is reported from Carnegie Branch. An increase in circulation of *639, was noted, with a still further reduction in the use of fiction. Additions numbered 666 volumes, 169 being for the reference department. The branch now contains 4,230 volumes. It participated in the school supplementary reading work to the extent of being the depository for all schools in the southwestern part of the city. The circulation of these books, however, is not included in the branch report, being reported with the collection.

The work of Miss Senter has continued along lines heretofore reported. Personal work with the clubs and visits to the schools tributary to the library keep it before the people. Two children's clubs were formed during the year which meet in the library building.

It is to be regretted that Miss Senter was compelled to ask for sick leave for two months from April 15, and hopes are entertained that she will return fully recovered. In the meantime her work is carried on by Miss Fife from the main library.

But 4,833 volumes were circulated through the delivery stations, a falling off of 719 for the year. Number of stations continue as last year, and service as for several years. People prefer to come to the library for books in the absence of daily deliveries, which continue to be asked for.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY.

The feature of the library work for the year was that with children. Miss McCoy, in charge of the room at the main library, reports a circulation of *32,815, a gain of 11,701, or 55.41 per cent. Of the total circulation, 71.35 per cent was children's stories. The classification in this department is not close, many books being placed in stories which, under A. L. A. rules, would be classed as animal books, folk stories, legends, etc. All fairy tales are placed in the story collection rather than in the 300 class. With the exception of June, when a decrease of 335 was noted, each month witnessed an increased use as compared with the same month of the year before. These increases were as follows: May, 221; July, 541; Aug., 791; Sept., 686; Oct., 708; Nov., 1,032; Dec., 1,118; Jan., 1,418; Feb., 1,390; March, 2,068; April, 2,063, or, from 16.4 per cent in May, 1904, to 105 per cent, by steady progress, in April, 1905.

The children's room has been made as attractive as possible. In two years 1,500 volumes have been added. An attempt has been made to pro-

*Library statistics. Circulation.

vide books covering a wider field, lowering the age limit as well as raising, and results were gratifying. A feature of the work with children in this room was substituting for lists of books a display of the books themselves, on special shelves, attention being called to them by pictures instead of signs. These included bird books, animal books, games, colored pictures being used when possible. This for the vacation period. During the school term, birthdays were recognized in the same way. Lessons were specialized similarly. Maps of the different countries studied, headed lists of books on those countries, covering stories, travel, history, etc. Titles in many instances do not mean anything to the little ones; books themselves often mean everything.

The card catalog in this department will be completed the coming year, supplementing the printed cards of the Cleveland-Pittsburg libraries list.

The room has grown so popular that children are loth to leave it for the main library, as formerly; indeed, many have returned to it after using the adult department. This was especially noticeable in the summer months. The introduction of supplementary reading in the schools has had a marked effect upon the use of this department.

In the purchase of books for the children's room, acknowledgement is made of the great helpfulness of leading library lists, the A. L. A. catalog, Miss Hewins' list of books for children, and suggestions by local teachers.

Personal work with the children—cheerful, intelligent assistance in the selection of books and the consideration of individual wants and needs—has had no small share in adding to the popularity and usefulness of the room.

Lack of books and crowded rooms are the serious handicaps at present. Efforts are being made to overcome the former, and it is hoped that through co-operation with the school district, owner of the building, an arrangement may be made which will secure larger quarters.

So far as means permitted, work with children has been duplicated at Carnegie branch, with results nearly as gratifying.

LIBRARY AND SCHOOL.

With the approval of the library committee, a proposition was made last summer to the School District of St. Joseph, through Mr. J. A. Whiteford, superintendent, to assume the work of preparation and circulation of any books purchased by the district and placed in a supplementary reading collection in the library. With the approval of the plan, heartily endorsed by Mr. Whiteford, he was authorized to expend $1,000 in the purchase of books. Of volumes purchased, 3,027 volumes were turned over to the library in August, and they were accessioned, classified and fully prepared for circulation on the opening of the school. Oct. 12, 2,825 volumes were issued, the first selection being made by Mr. Whiteford and sent to the various buildings by wagon. Since that time the books have been returned by the teachers, who select and usually take away with them readers wanted.

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*Library statistics. Circulation.

ıe time limit on volumes in this collection is two months. Teachers in ıdes one and two are permitted to take a volume for each pupil in the 'gest class; grades three-six, but one-half as many volumes as there are pils. Grades 7–8 have two copies only of four different titles, which are :ained through the school term. With approximately 7,000 pupils tending the first six grades, it will be seen that a large number of pupils e without supplementary reading some of the time. No higher com- ıment can be paid the teacher than the simple statement of the earnest ıy they repeatedly visit the library in search of supplementary reading oks for their pupils, and their keen regret when their efforts fail, as they often do.

Through the labels on the books, the aid of the school teachers in dis- buting application blanks and instructing the applicants how to fill them, e library has reached every child in the public schools in a more direct d convincing way than has heretofore been possible. It is estimated at 70 per cent of the new cards issued during the year, and 60 per cent of e increase in the use of the children's rooms, may be attributed to this ırce.

A little pamphlet, containing an author-list, by grades, of titles in the pplementary collection, with regulations for their use; also "Partial list books in the library of interest to teachers: On education; Teaching— eory and practice; Methods—special aids to teachers," was printed and ch teacher provided with a copy. It has been of much value. One ındred copies of the A. L. A. list of books for boys and girls (Miss Hewins), ve been placed in the different school buildings as an aid to the teachers. ıis assistance is appreciated by the teachers, and is of importance to the ildren. It is also an aid to the library.

CATALOGING.

In addition to cataloging the new accessions, the work of revising e card catalog progresses favorably. Use is made of all printed cards ıtainable. From the library of Congress, 10,590 cards were received at :ost of $100.64. The L. of C. traveling card catalogs have been used and und of much assistance. At this writing the traveling card catalog of ıglish history titles is in this library. Agricultural department cards ıve also been received and filed. From the A. L. A. publishing section ere secured cards for the Old South leaflets, 6v, and Chicago University -centennial publications, 10v. The library is also a subscriber for cards published for important annuals and goverment publications. Misses artin and Kerr, of this department, have accomplished a great deal of ork in a very satisfactory manner.

DUPLICATE COLLECTION.

Volumes in the duplicate (pay) collection were issued 4,378 times; ceipts, $218.90. Expended for 174 volumes, $161.00. Transferred ı main collection, 123 volumes.

LIBRARY IN GENERAL.

REFERENCE—An increasing use is reported from the reference department. In recognition of this, greater expenditures than usual have been made. A number of periodical sets have been completed, and others added. The library is not strong in bound periodicals, as will be seen by the list accompanying this report. An effort will be made to fill many of the gaps and to add important sets. Miss Perry, reference librarian, reports a steady increase in the demands upon her services by clubs, high school pupils, and the public in general. The recognition of the library by business men, as furnishing much desired information, is of rapid growth.

LIBRARY PUBLICATIONS.—Publication of the Library Bulletin bi-monthly for free circulation, begun with the fiscal year, has proven most helpful. Its circulation has not been confined to library patrons, being mailed regularly to various societies, clubs, lodges, reading rooms and educational institutions. At a small additional expense, annotations could be provided. This would greatly enhance its value to the reading public. Titles are often misleading, if not meaningless.

The yearly finding list, a consolidation of the quarterly bulletin, was published as usual.

The newspapers have published library news as usual, including lists of important new titles, popular books, lists, etc.

Reading lists on various subjects have been compiled and printed and found helpful to many people. Possibly the best results were obtained from the list for the civic Improvement League, "The Flower Garden," circulated by the League in its attempts to aid in beautifying the city; "Business Books," reading list for students of the commercial colleges; and "Aids for the Sunday School Teacher—Books in the Library."

PUBLIC DOCUMENTS.—United States public documents are gradually being brought into accessibility through cataloging. In the completion of the more important sets valuable aid has been rendered through the office of the Superintendent of Documents, Smithsonian Institution, and Agricultural Department.

DONATIONS.—With the exception of last year, when the Neely collection was given the library, donations are the largest in number in the history of the library. The list contains more names than usual, an indication of a more widespread interest in the work of this institution.

It is a source of keen regret that the offer of Mr. Huston Wyeth to place in the library his magnificent collection of curios could not be accepted. The conditions precedent to the acceptance of the loan, that the library provide regular museum cases, catalogue the collection, and provide an attendant for specified hours, were regarded as just and fair. It is to be deplored that the city was not in financial condition to provide the amount required by the library board to permit it to accept the trust.

BINDING EXPENSE.—Binding expense, $1,253.77, is approaching a point where it will prove profitable to operate a library bindery.

CHRISTMAS EXHIBIT.—The usual exhibit of books suitable for Christmas presents was made at the library, and was visited by many people. As here-

tofore, Mr. W. Schroeder permitted the use of any volumes desired from his store.

Four representatives from this library attended the meeting of the American Library Association in St. Louis in October and participated in the proceedings of the Missouri Library Association at the same time and place.

The library force accomplished a great deal of work during the year, and I feel constrained to commend each member thereof for cheerful and intelligent interest. To the members of the library board acknowledgment is due for kindly suggestions and aid at all times.

Following will be found: I. Library statistics: Book account, Accessions and withdrawals for year classified; Expenditures of library; Circulation by departmennts. II. Donors and donations. III. Periodicals received. IV. Bound periodicals in reference collection.

Respectfully submitted,

PURD B. WRIGHT,

Librarian.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1905.

STATE OF MISSOURI, }
County of Buchanan, ss }

Before me, H. H. Smith, a notary Public in and for the county aforesaid, personally appeared Purd B. Wright, Librarian of the Free Public Library of the City of St. Joseph, Mo., and made oath that the facts and figures submitted are correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Given under my hand and seal this 6th day of May, 1905.

H. H. SMITH,

Notary Public.

My commission expires October 29th, 1905.

I—LIBRARY STATISTICS.

BOOK ACCOUNT.

Number of volumes reported April 30, 1904			28,049
Additions for fiscal year:			
By purchases	2,566		
By transfer from duplicate collection	123		
By periodicals bound	634		
By donations	483	3,806	
Withdrawn (worn out, destroyed on account of contagion, etc.,.)	584		
Lost and paid for	27		
Unaccounted for	44	655	
Net increase for the year			3,151
Number volumes now in library			31,200

SCHOOL DISTRICT DEPARTMENT.

Number volumes in supplementary reading department, purchased during the year by the School District and maintained by library as a separate collection	3,027
Total volumes in library, library and school collections	34,227

ACCESSIONS AND WITHDRAWALS FOR THE YEAR.

Class.	Accessions.	Withdrawals.	Net gain.
General	172	7	165
Philosophy	31	1	30
Religion	134	2	132
Sociology, (inc. pub. docs)	512	116	396
Language	41	5	36
Natural science	177	4	173
Useful arts	158	9	149
Fine arts	139	6	133
Literature	229	32	197
Travel	235	9	226
Biography	217	3	214
History	195	10	185
Periodicals, R. L.	504	3	501
Fiction (inc. children's stories)	1,062	448	614
Total	3,806	655	3,151

ACCESSIONS SCHOOL DISTRICT DEPARTMENT.

.....	1,100
.....	610
.....	360
.....	100
ience	100
.....	100
stories	657

ICATION OF VOLUMES REPORTED LAST YEAR AS ACCESSIONED, BUT NOT CLASSIFIED.

.....	1
y	11
.....	96
.....	23
cience	20
s	12
.....	8
.....	57
.....	3
.....	1
.....	35
.....	20
	287

EXPENDITURES OF LIBRARY.

FROM GENERAL FUND.

ount:			
s	$ 2,675.36		
dicals	673.81		
ng	1,337.93	$ 4,687.10	
brarian and assistants ...		6,170.40	
uel and engineer		869.15	
nd stationery		254.80	
rvice		930.00	
ghting		46.43	
.....		46.20	
.....		27.00	
ous:			
hones	64.50		
og cards, L. of C., A. L. A. and Pittsburg	125.00		
A. expense	70.00		
lies, ice	149.37	408.87	
.....		12.23	
mprovements.		48.32	$13,500 50

From Special Fund.

Freight and express	$ 77.72	
Postage	27.35	
Stationery	26.10	
Delivery station expenses	91.50	
Periodicals	1.85	
Miscellaneous	47.12	271.64
		$13,772.14

LIBRARY CIRCULATION.

CLASS	MAIN LIBRARY			School Sup. Reading	Total	Percent.	Inc. for year
	Adult	Children	Carnegie Branch				
General	1599	244	34		1877	1.252	432
Philosophy	793	24	94		911	.611	195
Religion	1083	191	104		1328	.891	319
Sociology	1172	324	176		1672	1.120	577
Language	96	234	70	4578	4978	3 340	4885
Natural science	1019	1290	321	565	3195	2.141	1584
Useful arts	1131	126	189		1446	.976	413
Fine arts	1014	454	164		1632	1.093	476
Literature	4328	1378	[illegible]	2199	8502	5 700	3278
Travel	2995	2700	865	821	7381	4.940	3072
Biography	2137	854	355	512	3858	2 586	1037
History	2063	1535	549	583	4730	3.170	1474
Current magazines	4158	46	122		4326	2.900	121
Fiction, inc. children's stories	69065	23415	8082	2812	103374	69.280	7209
Total	92603	32815	*11722	12070	149210	100	25075

*Children's use Fiction, 2948, class books, 1243

Number of days open, 358 (Sundays, 1 30 to 6 30 p m)

Number of Sundays open, 53

Average daily issue, 416 Increase, 71

Average secular daily issue, 476 Increase 85

Average Sunday issue, 71 Increase, 21

Largest issue in one day, (not inc school sup reading) 880, Feb 25, 1905

Smallest issue in one day, (not inc school sup reading) 158, Dec 27, 1904

Largest issue school supplementary reading, 2,825, Oct 11, 1904

Largest issue in one month, all departments, March 16, 14,700, increase 3990

Smallest issue in one month Sept 9 724 Increase 857

II. DONORS AND DONATIONS.

Vols.	Nos.	Pamp.	Donors.
...	14	...	Adams, Mrs. Lizzie. (Magazine for the blind)
18	...	1	American book Co., N. Y.
1	...	...	American thresherman, Madison, Wis.
...	...	1	Armstrong association, N. Y.
10	...	...	Arrowsmith, H. W., St. Joseph, Mo.
10	6	8	Atwill, J. W., 1 picture.
9	...	...	Atwill & Hyatt, St. Joseph, Mo.
160	200	...	Barnard, Col. J. F., St. Joseph, Mo.
...	3	...	Boston book co., Boston, Mass.
2	...	...	Bridge, J. H., New York.
36	...	...	Browne, Ed. C.
...	...	1	Buckner, W. T., Wichita, Kas.
8	...	...	Bullard, Rev. Henry.
...	...	2	Canada, minister of agriculture.
2	...	...	Carnegie, Andrew, New York.
2	...	...	Carter, Lillian.
1	...	...	Carrington, W. F., state supt. of education.
50	...	100	Cockrell, Hon. Francis M.
3	...	...	Combe printing co.
2	...	...	Cook, Samuel B.
1	...	...	Cox, Miss M. E.
94	...	...	Cundiff, Mrs.
9	...	...	Daughters of American Revolution, St. Joseph chap.
7	...	...	Druckemiller, P. P.
22	...	...	Elliff, J. D., Columbia, Mo.
36	...	5	Gilkey, Mrs.
1	...	...	Gordon, W. H.
1	..	...	Haferkorn, H. E., St. Paul, Minn.
3	...	...	Harrah, W. F., Des Moines, Ia.
1	...	...	Harrison, Carter H., Chicago, Ill.
65	200	...	Harris, Edward.
39	...	...	Heath & Co., Boston, Mass.
1	...	...	Hyatt, Mrs. C. C.
2	...	...	Illinois state historical library, Springfield, Ill.
...	...	1	International Catholic truth society.
1	...	...	Jewish pub. soc. of America.
4	...	...	Joseph Lodge, No. 73, I. O. B. B.
1	...	1	Kansas state historical society, Topeka, Kas.
3	...	...	Lemmel, Henry.
1	...	...	Lodge of Sons of Israel
			Lowenstein, Mrs. E. W., 3 pictures.
1	...	...	Lowell, J. Paul, Minneapolis, Minn.
16	...	...	McCabe, Mrs.
1	...	...	McCoy, Miss Bessie.
1	...	...	Meyer, Sol.
32	...	21	Michel, John.
4	...	...	*Missouri* commission, Louisiana purchase exposition

Vols.	Nos.	Pamp.	Donors.
1	12	...	Morton, Dr. Daniel.
3	...	...	Moss, Mrs. J. B.
1	...	...	Oil City Derrick co., Oil City, Pa.
15	...	2	Orr, Mrs.
...	2	...	Park, Clay.
...	...	1	Pennsylvania prison society, Philadelphia, Pa.
1	...	...	Phillips, Mrs. R. T
12	...	...	Riemer, H. H.
2	...	...	Robinson, Miss Emily.
...	...	1	Robinson, Dr. J. H., Maryville, Mo.
1	...	...	St. Louis public library.
1	...	...	School district of St. Joseph.
10	...	...	Silver, Burdett & Co., N. Y.
...	...	2	Sons of the Revolution, Missouri society
1	...	...	Theosophical society, St. Joseph.
1	...	...	Union Press, N. Y.
257	...	245	United States government—Departments.
10	...	...	University of Chicago.
...	10	...	University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo.
1	...	...	Unknown.
2	...	...	Vesey, Mrs.
1	...	...	Watkins, Robert Lincoln.
1	...	...	Westminster college, Fulton, Mo.
1	...	...	Wilder, W. W., state auditor.
14	...	...	Wilson, J. M., (Deposit)
1	...	...	Wilson, Sidney.
3	...	...	Wright, Mrs. Purd B.

LIBRARY EXCHANGES

BULLETINS AND ANNUAL REPORTS.

Pamp.	Nos.	
1	1	Allegheney (Pa.) Carnegie library.
3	3	Atlanta (Ga.), Carnegie library.
1	...	Baltimore, Enoch Pratt free library.
...	3	Bradford (Pa.) Carnegie library.
1	7	Brooklyn (N. Y.) public library.
...	2	Buffalo (N. Y.) public library.
...	4	Carlisle (Pa.) J. Herman Bosler library.
1	...	Cedar Rapids (Ia.) public library.
7	...	Chicago (Ill,) public library.
...	5	Cleveland (O) public library.
1	...	Davenport(Ia.,) public library.
4	...	Dayton (O.) public library.
...	6	Decatur (Ill.) public library.
1	3	Detroit (Mich.) public library.
1	...	Dubuque (Ia.) public library.
2	...	Duluth (Minn.) public library.

Pamp.	Nos.	
1	...	Evanston, (Ill.) public library.
1	...	Fremont (Neb.) public library.
2	...	Gloversville (N. Y.) public library.
...	3	Hartford (Conn.) free library.
...	6	Haverhill (Mass). public library.
2	...	Helena (Mont.) public library.
...	4	Iowa library commission, Des Moines, Iowa.
...	5	Jersey City (N. Y.) public library.
..	4	Kansas City (Mo.) public library.
1	...	Lawrence (Mass.) public library.
...	5	Lexington (Mass.) public library.
1	...	Marshalltown (Ia.) public library.
...	4	Milwaukee (Wis.) public library.
3	...	Minnesota library commission.
...	2	Missouri historical society, St. Louis.
2	...	Missouri state historical society, Columbia,
1	...	Nashville (Tenn.) public library.
1	...	Nebraska library commission, Lincoln, Neb.
14	12	Newark (N. J.) public library.
...	2	New Haven (Conn.) public library.
...	2	Newton (Mass.) public library.
...	12	New York (N. Y.) free library.
...	6	Omaha (Neb.) public library.
1	...	Ottumwa (Ia.) public library.
2	...	Patterson (N. J.) public library.
1	...	Peabody institute, Danvers, Mass.
...	7	Peoria (Ill.) public library.
1	...	Philadelphia library company, Philadelphia, Pa.
1	...	Pittsburgh (Pa.) Carnegie library.
...	2	Pratt institute library, Brooklyn, N. Y.
...	3	Quincy (Ill.) public library.
1	...	Reading (Pa.) public library.
2	10	St. Louis (Mo.) public library.
1	...	St. Louis mercantile library.
...	12	San Francisco (Calif.) public library.
1	...	Salem (Mass.) public library.
1	6	Scranton (Pa.) public library.
1	...	Sedalia (Mo.) public library.
1	...	Syracuse (N. Y.) public library.
1	...	Tacoma (Wash.) public library.
1	...	Toronto (Can.) public library.
2	...	Washington (D. C.) public library.
3	. .	Western Reserve university library school, Cleveland, O.
2	...	Worcester (Mass.) public library.

III. PERIODICALS RECEIVED.

A. L. A. booklist.
Amateur work, m.
American boy, m.
cAmerican Catholic quarterly, q.
American electrician, m.
American historical review, q.
American journal of sociology, b-m.
cAmerican monthly review of reviews, m.
American primary teacher, m.
Annals of American academy of political and social science, b-m
Architectural record, m.
Arena, m.
Athenaeum, Lon., m.
cAtlantic, m.
cBirds and all nature, m.
Blackwood's magazine, m.
*Blue jacket, m.
*Book buyer, m.
cBookman, m.
Bookseller. Lon., m.
Bookseller, m.
Boston transcript, Mon., Wednes. and Sat
Brush and pencil, m.
*Bulletin of bibliography, q.
Camera craft, m.
*Cameron (Mo.) sun, w.
Canadian magazine, m.
cCassier's magazine, m.
*Catalogue of U. S. public documents, m.
Catholic world, m.
cCentury magazine, m.
Chambers' journal, m.
Charities, w.
Chautauquan, m.
*Chicago banker, w.
Chicago Record-Herald, d & S.
Chicago Tribune, d & S.
*Christian science journal, m.
*Christian science sentinel, w.
Contemporary review, m.
cCosmopolitan, m.
Country life in America, m.
Critic, m.
Cumulative book review digest, m.
Current literature, m.
Delineator, m.
cDial, s. m.

*Dzennik Polski, w.
Education, m.
cEducational review, m.
Electrical age, m.
Engineering magazine, m.
Engineering news, m.
Era magazine, m.
Fortnightly review, m.
Forum, q.
*Forum (St. Joseph high school) m.
*Fresno, (Cal.) Guide, w.
*Genealogical magazine, q.
cHarper's bazaar, m.
cHarper's monthly magazine, m.
cHarper's weekly, w.
Harvard graduate's magazine, m.
House beautiful, m.
*Herald of the cross, m.
*Herald of the golden age, m.
Illustrated london news, w.
Independent, w.
*Indian friend, m.
Inland printer, m.
International quarterly, q.
International studio, m.
*Invitation, m.
*Jewish review, m.
Journal of education, w.
*Journal of osteopathy, m.
Judge, w.
*Labor,w.
Kindergarten magazine, m.
cLadies' home journal, m.
*Ladies' review, m.
cLeslie's weekly, w.
Library index to periodicals and current events, m.
Library journal, m.
Life, w.
Lippincott's magazine, m.
Literary digest, m.
cLittell's living age, w.
cLittle chronicle, w.
*Lyceumite, m.
cMcClure's magazine, m.
Macmillan's magazine, m.
Magazine of history, with notes and queries, m.
*Medical fortnightly, s-m.
*Medical herald, m.
cMissionary review of the world, m.

Missouri school journal, m.
*Modern architecture, m.
*Modern farmer and busy bee, m.
*Modern miller, w,
cMunsey's magazine, m.
Musical courier, w.
*Mystic worker, m.
cNation, w.
National geographic magazine, m.
New England historical and genealogical register, m.
New England magazine, m.
New York Tribune, d. & S.
Nineteenth century, m.
cNorth American review, m.
*Official Gazette U. S. patent office, w.
*Official journal painters and decorators, m.
cOuting, m.
cOutlook, w.
Out west, m. (Formerly Land of Sunshine).
Overland, m.
*Park review, q.
Photo-miniature, m.
Political science quarterly, q.
cPopular science, m.
Public opinion, w.
Publishers' weekly, w.
Public libraries, m.
Puck, w.
Quarterly journal of economics, q.
Reader's guide to periodical literature, m.
Records of the past, m.
Revue des du mondes, w.
Review of reviews (Eng.), m.
*St. Andrews cross, m.
*St. Joseph News-Press, d.
cSt. Joseph Gazette, d. & S.
*St. Joseph Post, w.
*St. Joseph Union, w.
cSt. Nicholas, m.
School journal,
School review, m.
Scientific American, w.
cScientific American building monthly, m.
cScientific American supplement,m.
cScribner's magazine, m.
*Sound currency, m.
*Stock yards daily journal, d.
cSuccess, m.
**Sunday magazine*, with Chi., N. Y. and St. Louis papers.

Uber land und meer, w.
*Uj Vilag, s-m.
*University of Missouri studies, q.
*Virginia magazine of history and biography,
*War cry, w.
Western electrician, w.
*Western fruit-grower, m.
*Western home journal, m.
Westminster review, m.
William and Mary college quarterly, q.
cWorld's Work, m.
cYouth's companion, w

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cAlso in Carnegie Branch.
*Gift

IV. BOUND PERIODICALS IN REFERENCE COLLECTION.

MAY 1, 1905.

American geographical society bulletin, v. 28, 1896, date.
American historical review, v. 1, 1895, date.
American illustrated methodist magazine, v. 1-4, 1899-1901.
American journal of politics, v. 1-9, 1892-96. (v. 4-9 as American magazine of civics).
American journal of sociology, v. 1, 1895, date.
American magazine of civics. (See American journal of politics).
American primary teacher, v. 15, 1891, date. (American teacher to 1897).
Annals of the American academy of political and social science, v. 1, 1890, date.
Arena (c), v. 1, 1889, date.
Architectural record, v. 11, 1901, date. (v. 1-10 purchased).
Art amateur, v. 22-49, 1889-1903, (lacking v. 32-41.)
Athenaeum, (Lon.), 1898, date.
Atlantic monthly, (c), v. 1, 1857, date.
Author, v. 1-3, 1889-91.
Birds and all nature, (c), v. 1, 1897, date, (Formerly Birds.)
Blackwood's magazine, v. 107, 1870, date, (lacking v. 116-123, 131-148.) (v. 1, 152, called Blackwood's Edinburg magazine.)
Book Buyer, II ser., v. 22-28, 1901-1904. V. 26-28 called The Lamp. (Dis. as sub. magazine, now pub. as house bulletin.)
Bookman (c), v. 1, 1895, date.
Bulletin of University of Missouri (catalogue), v. 1, 1900, date, (lacking v. 3.)
Bulletin of bibliography, v. 1, 1897-99, date.
Canadian magazine, v. 1, 1893, date.
Cassier's magazine, v. 19, 1900, date.
Catholic world, v. 72, 1900, date.
Century magazine, (c), n. s. v. 1, 1881, date.
Chamber's journal, v. 77, 1898, date.
Charities, v. 8, 1902, date. (See note after Charities review.)
Charities Review, v. 1-10, 1891-1901, (Pub. dis.,sub. carried by Charities)
Chautauquan, v. 1, 1880, date.
Chicago banker, v. 1, 1899, date.
Contemporary review, v. 59, 1891, date, (lacking v. 63-78.)
Cosmopolitan, v. 4, 1887, date.
Country life in America, v. 1, 1901, date.
Critic, v. 18, 1891, date.
Current history, v. 1-12, 1890-1902, (Dis.)
Current literature, v. 1, 1888, date.
Dial, v. 19, 1895, date.
Eclectic magazine, v. 31-130, 1854-1898. (Monthly ed. Little's living age from 1897.)
Education, v. 21, 1900, date.
Educational review, v. 1, 1891, date.

Engineering magazine, v. 1, 1891,. date.
Engineering news, v. 4, 1877, date. (Lacking v. 27-50.)
Evening Press, St. Joseph, Mo., Aug. 26, 1902, Sept. 19, 1903. (All pub.)
Fortnightly review, v. 55, 1891, date. (Lacking 59-74.)
Forum, (c), v. 1, 1886, date.
Galaxy, v. 1-22, 1866-76, (Lacking 23-24 to complete set.) (Merged in Atlantic monthly.)
Genealogical quarterly, v. 2, 1901, date. (V. 1, purchased.)
Godey's lady's book, v. 64-72, 1862-1866.
Green bag, v. 1-5, 1889-1893.
Harper's bazaar, v. 2, 1869, date, (Lacking v. 7-34.)
Harper's magazine, (c), v. 1, 1850, date.
Harper's weekly, v. 1, 1857, date.
Harper's young people, 1891-1893.
Harvard graduate's magazine, v. 1, 1892, date.
Hours at home, v. 1-11, 1865-1870, (Merged in Scribner's monthly.)
Independent, v. 56, 1904-date.
Inland printer, v. 19, 1897, date.
International magazine, v. 1-5, 1850-1852. (All pub.,) (Merged in Harper's magazine.)
International studio, v. 1, 1897, date.
International quarterly, v. 1, 1900, date. (International Monthly prior to 1903.)
Journal of education, v. 33, 1891, date. (Lacking v. 34.)
Land of sunshine, v. 1-15, 1894-1902, (Title changed to Out West, 1902 For continuation see Out West.)
Land we love, v. 1-4. 1866-1867. (Lacking v. 5-6 to complete.) (Merged in New eclectic.)
Library journal, v. 16, 1891, date.
Lippincott's magazine, v. 43, 1889, date.
Littell's living age, v. 1, 1844, date.
McClure's magazine, v. 1, 1893, date.
Macmillan's magazine, v. 64, 1891, date.
Magazine of American history, v. 1-30, 1877-1893. (All pub.)
Magazine of western history, v. 7-8, 1897-98, (Complete set, 1884-91.) (Continued as National magazine.)
Missionary review of the world, v. 1, 1888, date.
Municipal affairs, v. 1-6, 1897-1902.
Munsey's magazine, v. 6, 1891, date.
Nation, v. 46, 1888, date.
New England historical and genealogical register, v. 53, 1899, date.
New England magazine, n. s. v. 1, 1889, date.
Nineteenth century, v. 29, 1891, date. (Lacking 34-48.)
North American review, v. 10, 1820, date. (Lacking v. 59-69, 92-123.)
Official Gazette, U. S. patent office, v. 1, 1872, date. (Lacking v. 17-32.)
Outing, v. 19, 1891, date.
Outlook, v. 55, 1897, date.
Out West, v. 16, 1902, date. (Former title, Land of Sunshine, v. 1-15, *1894-1901.)*

Overland monthly, n. s. v. 17, 1891, date.
Park review, (Park college, Parkville, Mo.) v. 1, 1899, date.
Poet-lore, v. 1, 1889, date.
Popular science monthly, v. 1, 1872, date.
Political science quarterly, v. 1, 1886, date.
Public libraries, v. 1, 1896, date.
Public opinion, v. 22, 1897, date.
Putnam's magazine, v. 1-16, 1853-57, 1868-70, (Merged in Emerson's magazine.)
Quarterly journal of economics, v. 15, 1900, date.
Records of the past, v. 1, 1902, date.
Review of reviews, (American monthly) (c), v. 1, 1890, date.
St. Joseph daily news, now News-press, 18-date, lacking portions of several years.
St. Joseph Gazette, 1845, date, lacking portions of 9 years. (Originally St. Joseph Gazette to 1898, Gazette-Herald to 1903.)
St. Joseph Herald, 1865-1898, lacking portions of 3 years.
St. Nicholas, (c), v. 1, 1873, date.
School journal, v. 44, 1892, date.
School review, v. 9, 1901, date.
Scientific American, v. 11, o. s., 1856, date. (Lacking n. s. v., 50-68.)
Scientific American building monthly, v. 33, 1902, date.
Scientific American supplement, v. 30, 1890, date.
Scribner's magazine, (c), v. 1, 1887, date.
Scribner's monthly magazine, v. 1-22, 1870-1881. (Afterwards Century magazine.)
Southern magazine, v. 14-17, 1874-75.
Universal review, v. 1-5, 1888-89. (Lacking v. 6-8 to complete set.)
Virginia magazine of history and biography, v. 1, 1893, date.
Westminster review, v. 150, 1898, date.
William and Mary college quarterly, v. 1, 1892, date.
World's work, v. 1, 1900, date.
Youth's companion, v. 77, 1903, date.

(c) after title, indicates same also in Carnegie branch.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library.

Gentlemen: During the year the following changes occurred in the library staff: Miss Tillie Lohr, librarian of the children's room, resigned to be married, Miss Bessie McCoy being promoted from the substitute list to fill the vacancy. After competitive examination, Miss Annie Knight was appointed to the substitute list. On account of sickness, Miss Lulu C. Senter, assistant librarian and in charge of Carnegie branch, was given leave of absence for two months, dating from April 15. Miss Ethel Fife, substitute, was detailed to the branch, and Miss Knight takes full time at the main library.

The increased use of the library during the year has taxed the ability of the force. Should the increase continue, especially in the children's department, it will probably be necessary to furnish additional assistance for the rush hours, from 3 to 6 p. m., and Saturdays.

Respectfully submitted,

C. P. CARGILL,
JOHN MICHEL,
JAS. H. McCORD,
Administration Com.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1905.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:

Gentlemen: As predicted in the report of this committee one year ago, the annual period just ended has been an eventful one in the history of the library. During this time its largest use was recorded, and, with the exception of the year in which Carnegie branch opening purchases were made, its growth was larger than in any previous year. This was made possible by additional funds, largely expended for the book account; purchases of books on which the limited discount period had passed; selections from bargain lists, and the securing of standard works not heretofore in the library.

The report of the librarian as to the inventory of the library, shows that it contains 31,200 volumes, with an additional 3,027 volumes cared for in the school collection; a total of 34,227 under its control. The increase for the year in the library proper was 3,151 volumes. All purchases were made under the rules governing the Board.

It has been the policy of the library control to purchase only the better class of fiction—not necessarily the most popular—although the wants of library patrons in this particular are always given consideration. In this connection, it is not deemed out of place to emphasize one point in the report

of the librarian. Of a total of 3,806* volumes added for the past year, 26.34 per cent were fiction and children's stories. Of the net increase, 3,151 volumes, only 19.5 per cent were for the classes named. On the other hand, of the volumes withdrawn, (665), 68.4 per cent were of those classes. No record is kept as to purchases of books by classes, but a conservative estimate places the expenditures for fiction and stories at less than 20 per cent of the total book purchases.

The increased use of the library has materially advanced the binding expense, and the condition of volumes in the children's department, from excessive handling, is somewhat below former years.

In co-operation with the schools, with the hearty assistance of the school board and its officers, great advance has been made, and it is hoped that the field thus entered upon will be materially widened. The librarian reports the hearty interest of the teachers in the work, which is a matter of satisfaction.

Respectfully submitted,
H. K. WHITE,
JAS. H. McCORD,
J. W. ATWILL,
Library Committee.

St. Joseph, Mo., May. 1, 1905.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:

Gentlemen: Your committee begs to report that, as required by the by-laws, it has examined the statement submitted by the Treasurer and finds that it shows the financial transactions of the Board of Directors, checking with the report of the librarian and the books of the city auditor.

For the year just closed, the city apportionment for library purposes was $13,200, $10,700 for the main library and $2,500 for the Carnegie branch The estimate of receipts of the city, however, was too high, and all departments were required to cut down their expenditures to a sum less than that apportioned them, with the exception that Carnegie branch was permitted to expend the full $2,500. The shortage for the main library to March 31, amounted to $349.50, $98.12 having been transferred to this department from another. Had the library been credited with the full percentage of collections to the close of the fiscal year, April 17, there would be a credit to its account at this time of $71.40, after repaying the $98.12. We shall ask that this sum be credited to the library account.

By order of the Board, a request was transmitted for an increase in the funds to be apportioned for library purposes, but the decreased assessment, in the opinion of the city's fiscal officers, precluded this. The apportionment, therefore, will be the same for the coming year as last.

Respectfully submitted,
CHAS. A. PFEIFFER,
C. P. CARGILL,
JOHN MICHEL,
Finance Committee.

St. Joseph, Mo. May, 1, 1905.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library.:

Gentlemen: An examination of the report of the Treasurer will show the expenditures which have been made under the jurisdiction of this committee. All of these have been reported to, or were authorized by, the Board.

The conference with the Park Commissioners of the city looking to the turning over to them of the grounds surrounding Carnegie branch library (reported to your body one year ago), resulted agreeably to both sides. In the month following the report, the grounds were placed in their charge, with the permission of the city government. The success of the plan is apparent. The grounds are better cared for, and improvements therein are contemplated which would not have been possible otherwise.

In this connection, the recommendation is made that the walks provided for in the original plans, but omitted on account of filled ground, and for which funds from the original Carnegie donation are held, be put in this year, in connection with whatever work is done by the commissioners.

Respectfully submitted,
DANIEL MORTON,
W. E. WARRICK,
HENRY BULLARD,
Buildings and Grounds Committee.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1905.

ART COMMITTEE.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:

Gentlemen: Through the generosity of the St. Joseph Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, there have been hung in the art room of the library, as a loan, print reproductions of thirty famous paintings.

The library has also received and placd in this room oil portraits of ex-governors Stuart, Woodson, and Hall, who were from St. Joseph, presented by the citizens of St. Joseph and the painter, Prof. J. V. D. Patch.

Your committee feels that these additions may be considered as a nucleus around which in time may be assembled a worthy collection. That the pictures are appreciated by the public is demonstrated by the numbers which visit the room every day.

Respectfully,
JAS. H. McCORD,
DANIEL MORTON,
HENRY BULLARD,
Art Committee.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1905.

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St. Joseph, Missouri

16th Annual Report

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SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

OF THE

CITY OF ST. JOSEPH, MO.

FOR THE

FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1906.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

ST. JOSEPH, MO.

OFFICERS.

President.....J. W. Atwill
Vice-President.....H. K. White
Secretary-Treasurer.....Chas. A. Pfeiffer
Assistant Secretary.....Purd B. Wright

DIRECTORS.

Term expiring 1906	Term expiring 1907	Term expiring 1908
John Michel,	Chas. P. Cargill,	H. K. White,
J. W. Atwill,	W. E. Warrick,	Chas. A. Pfeiffer,
Dr. Daniel Morton,	Rev. Henry Bullard,	James H. McCord.

COMMITTEES.

Library—White, McCord, Atwill.
Administration—Cargill, Michel, McCord.
Buildings and Grounds—Morton, Warrick, Bullard.
Finance—Pfeiffer, Cargill, Michel.
By-Laws—White, Morton, Warrick.
Art—McCord, Bullard, Morton.

LIBRARY STAFF.

Librarian—Purd B. Wright.
Assistant Librarian—Lulu C. Senter.
Assistants—Annie M. Perry, reference; Eudora Martin, *Lilian C. Kerr, †Hilda K. White, cataloging; Bessie McCoy, Children's room, main library; Jessie M. Gibson, Jennie K. Willson, desk; Ethel Fife, Annie Knight, substitutes; Joseph Mann, Charles Smith, messengers.
Carnegie Branch—Lulu C. Senter, librarian in charge; Ethel Fife, substitute; W. A. McCamy, janitor.

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*Absent on leave attending library school. †Substitute for Miss Kerr, from Sept. 1.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER TRANSMITTING REPORTS.

'o the Honorable Mayor and Common Council.

Gentlemen: The annual reports of the various officers and Committees of the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library for the ear ending April 30, 1906, are herewith submitted for your information.

The report of the librarian fully demonstrates the efficient work and sefulness of this institution, creditable alike to its employes and atrons.

The additions to the library cover a varied list of books, which are imed to serve all classes and conditions of our citizens, and appear ɔ meet with their approval.

The failure of the bond proposition submitted by the Board of ducation was a disappointment, inasmuch as we anticipated an enlargeıent of our accommodations, now seriously contracted, especially as ɔ shelving and room for children.

The Board of Directors would especially request an inspection of he library, that the city's representatives may become fully versed in he progress of an institution which is becoming a pride to its people, s well as attracting attention elsewhere.

The year just closed has been a most successful one in every ray for the library, with the single exception of growth. It is a matter f pride that your honorable body, in its apportionment of funds for ıe ensuing year, increased the library allotment substantially, as it ; taken as an endorsement of the work being done.

Calling your attention to the various reports, I am,

Very truly,

J. W ATWILL,

President.

t. Joseph, May 1, 1906.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:

Gentlemen: Herewith is presented a statement showing the receipts and disbursements of the library in detail for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1906, as is required by your by-laws.

The library apportionment for the year was $13,200, $10,700 being for the main library and $2,500 for Carnegie branch. Credits to both accounts were slightly in excess of this total, as is explained in the report of the Finance Committee.

This statement, as usual, covers all the receipts and expenditures of the library, including the special fund account—moneys received and expended at the library. Collections in this account are from the duplicate collection, penalties on over-due books, books lost and paid for, catalogs and supplements sold, and miscellaneous sources. Expenditures at the library from this account, as noted, are reported monthly to the Library Board and approved.

As required, expenditures by general warrant through the city departments, are accounted for in detail, on duplicate vouchers, approved by not less than two members of the Finance Committee, and certified by the President after being allowed by the Board. Original vouchers are on file in the office of the city auditor, the duplicates being retained in the office of the librarian.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. A. PFEIFFER, Treasurer.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1906.

STATE OF MISSOURI, }
County of Buchanan, } ss.

Before me, Edwin F. Willis, a notary public in and for the county aforesaid, personally appeared Charles A. Pfeiffer, Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library of the City of St. Joseph, and made oath that the facts and figures in his report are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Given under my hand and seal this 4th day of May, 1906.

EDWIN F. WILLIS,

My commission expires May 25, 1907. Notary Public.

MAIN LIBRARY.
GENERAL ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

From city apportionment, 1905-06	$10,700.00	
Transferred to library account	70.40	
Supplementary apportionment, 1906	151.82	
Deposit by Board Treas. from special fund	100.00	$11,023.22

DISBURSEMENTS.

By general warrants on city treasurer:

Book account:			
Books	$2,207.43		
Periodicals	271.09		
Binding	1,120.91	$3,599.43	
Salaries, librarian and assistants		5,546.39	
Heating and engineer		574.59	
Printing and stationery		253.58	
Janitor service		450.00	
Postage		38.00	
Furniture		303.25	
Telephone		39.00	
Catalog cards		121.49	
Library repairs		8.76	
Miscellaneous, inc. light and ice		88.73	$11,023.22

SPECIAL FUND ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Brought forward in hands Board Treasurer	$ 80.48	
Brought forward in hands Librarian	14.43	
Received from Duplicate collection	269.55	
Penalties	629.52	
Catalogs	7.40	
Supplements	6.60	
Miscellaneous	124.13	$ 1,132.11

DISBURSEMENTS.

Deposited in Gen'l fund by Board Treas..		$ 100.00	
Paid Special warrant No. 1, periodicals....		350.00	
By librarian:			
Freight and express	$ 91.74		
Postage	27.10		
Stationery	34.00		
Delivery stations	99.85		
Binding books	8.00		
Miscellaneous	44.66		
Balances:			
In hands Board Treasurer.....	355.48		
In hands Librarian	21.28	682.11	$ 1,132.11

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

From city apportionment, etc.....	$10,923.22	
Special fund	1,132.11	$12,055.33

DISBURSEMENTS.

By vouchers on city treasurer, general fund.....	$11,023.22	
By vouchers on special fund, periodicals.....	350.00	
By librarian	305.35	
Balances:		
In hands Board Treasurer	355.48	
In hands Librarian	21.28	$12,055.33

CARNEGIE BRANCH.

RECEIPTS.

From city apportionment, 1905-06.....	$ 2,500.00	
Supplementary apportionment	32.60	$ 2,532.60

DISBURSEMENTS.

By General warrant on city treasurer.

Book account:			
Books	$428.27		
Periodicals	87.28		
Binding	84.59	$ 600.14	
Salary librarians in charge		996.00	
Fuel		134.00	
Janitor		510.00	
Furniture		4.00	
Insurance—Books		15.00	
Building		60.00	
Telephone		30.00	
Light		50.15	
Building repairs		73.66	
Miscellaneous		59.65	$ 2,532.60

GENERAL RECAPITULATION.

TOTAL RECEIPTS.

Main library, general fund	$10,923.22	
Special fund	1,132.11	
Carnegie branch, general fund	2,532.60	$14,587.93

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.

Main library, general fund	$11,023.22	
Special fund	655.35	
Carnegie branch, general fund	2,532.60	
	$14,211.17	
Balances:		
In hands Board Treasurer	$ 355.48	
In hands Librarian	21.28	$14,587.93

CARNEGIE BRANCH BUILDING FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Received from Mr. Andrew Carnegie $25,000.00

DISBURSEMENTS.

For building, furniture, library equipment	$24,806.74	
Balance on hand, reserved for completing walk *(not built on account of filled ground)*	193.26	$25,000.00

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library.

Gentlemen: The annual report of the librarian is herewith presented, covering the sixteenth year of the library, May 1, 1905, to April 30, 1906.

SUMMARY.

Number of volumes in library proper, 33,864; in school supplementary reading collection, 4,169; total volumes controlled by library, 38,033. Growth, library, 2,664, school, 1,142.

Number of volumes issued for home use, 173,281; increase, 24,071; average daily issue, 483; increase, 67.

Character of circulation. Adult fiction, 44.61 per cent; children's stories, 21.75 per cent; classed books, 33.64 per cent. Increase in non-fiction use, 2.85 per cent.

Financial: Receipts, $14,587.93; expenditures, $14,211.07; balances, $376.76.

Cardholders, 7,589; increase, 1,151. Cards outstanding, 11,813; increase, 2,363.

In a general way, the year has been one of greater activity in the library than usual. Library use is continually expanding, as is to be expected with so large a field to work in. Reasons for the fact that the institution does not get into closer relations with a larger proportion of the people are readily located but not easily remedied. None may be attributed to the people themselves. Two good buildings have been provided, and the voters have directed the expenditure of funds for library support to the full limit of the law. An increased valuation of taxable property offers the only permanent relief, and in this matter library officials are powerless. The increase in the use of the library exceeds its growth. Frequent demands are made upon it which cannot be met. This will continue until the ratio between growth and use is more nearly equalized

The increase in library funds recently provided by the Council will prevent a recurrence this year of a decrease in the normal growth of the library, but it is only just to say that even with this growth maintained it will be many years before St. Joseph is provided with such a library as its people are entitled to.

CONTENTS OF LIBRARY, GROWTH, ETC.

Additions for the fiscal year numbered 3,462; withdrawals, 798; net increase, 2,664. Of the 56 volumes reported as unaccounted for last year, 11 were found. The remainder are included in the withdrawal statistics. The inventory, just taken, discloses 54 volumes missing for the current twelve months. There is a small increase in the cost per volume of books purchased. However, this is more apparent than real,

caused by securing in larger numbers than heretofore books in a more servicable binding than has been customary. Opportunities to purchase books at clearance sales, from second-hand dealers, etc., were not neglected.

USE OF LIBRARY.

Home circulation was 173,280, a gain of 24,071. Fiction use, 66.36 per cent of the whole, 44.61 per cent fiction from adult department, and 21.75 per cent children's stories. This is a decrease of 2.85 per cent., and in line with the steady change in the character of use of the library. Total circulation of books other than fiction and children's stories is now 33.64 per cent of the whole, nearly twice that of ten years ago.

A definite statement cannot be made as to library use, as all departments are open to the public. Account in this department is kept only of books used and left upon the tables. These numbered 36,207. As nearly all important reference work for schools, clubs, etc., is done by placing selected books on special shelves, labeled for specific use, which are taken down and returned by those interested, no record can be kept. A conservative estimate would place library use at nearly 75,000 volumes. In the tables with this report no attention is paid to library use, although this is one of the most valuable uses to which any library may be put.

REGISTRATION.

The number of persons holding library cards are 7,859, or 1,151 more than one year ago. Total cards outstanding, 11,813, a gain of 2,363. A greater number of patrons accept and use non-fiction cards than formerly. All users of the library over 18 years of age, and young people under that age attending high school, are entitled to two cards. Card-holders are required to re-register every two years. From the number registered, all cards cancelled, for any reason, are deducted.

Of the card holders, 3,684 are adults, and 4,175 are minors. Records hereafter will show the age with 14 years as the dividing line.

BRANCH AND STATIONS.

CARNEGIE BRANCH.

Miss Senter, librarian in charge of the Carnegie branch, reports that work has varied little from the routine. The branch contains 4,780 volumes, of which 879 are in the reference collection. Five hundred and fifty volumes were added during the year. Card holders number 1,254. Home use, 14,266 volumes, a gain of 21.7 per cent. Participation in the handling of supplementary reading to the extent of 1,678 volumes is also credited.

Seven new titles were added to the periodicals list, making forty

received. These are used in the reading room the first month, after which nine of the most suitable for general use are placed in temporary covers and issued. These are popular in the order named: Harper's, McClure's, Review of Reviews, Munsey, Scribner, Cosmopolitan, Century, World's work, North American Review, Engineering magazine.

Efforts to interest children in books at the library continue, with satisfactory results. With suggestions and aids from teachers, lists of books suitable for different grades have been prepared, and these have been of decided help. Teachers have shown their appreciation of the library in every way. Classes from the Benton school have visited the library, under the guidance of their teachers, and were given instruction in library use. Most of these are regular patrons.

The Carnegie club, composed of women, and two children's clubs, continue to meet at the library, and to do good work. (Statistics as to the use of the library will be found under Library statistics, circulation, Carnegie branch.)

DELIVERY STATIONS.

No changes are reported in delivery stations, four in number. Use of the library through them was 4,975 volumes, a small increase. An application is on file for an additional station, and for more frequent deliveries at two of the old stations.

CHILDREN AND THE LIBRARY.

Work with children is one of the most important features of library activity. Of the total circulation of the library, 39.2 per cent is credited to the children's rooms and supplementary reading department for grammar grades, of which 21.75 per cent were children's stories. As heretofore reported, the classification of books here is very liberal, many titles being placed in fiction which might with propriety be placed elsewhere.

At the main library Miss McCoy reports a very successful year, 45,984 volumes being circulated, an increase of 40 per cent., and 48 per cent of main library use. As the circulating department here has but about 4,000 volumes it will be seen that the average issue per volume was slightly in excess of eleven times.

The bulletin board is used to great advantage in this department, being changed frequently. At the present time it shows pictures in natural colors of the most popular birds of Missouri. This supplements a special shelf of books on birds, and has proven very attractive to grown people as well as the children.

Some of the more popular subjects emphasized through the means of the bulletin board, with pictures and lists, and special shelves, were:

May: May-day, Nature stories, Memorial day.

June: Flag day, Out-door games and sports.

July: Fourth of July, Hawthorne (portrait, selection from works, lists.)

August: O. W. Holmes.

September: Eugene Field day (in conjunction with schools and state society); James Fennimore Cooper.

October: Discovery day (Columbus); Hallowe'en.

November: Louisa M. Alcott; William Cullen Bryant; Thanksgiving day.

December: John G. Whittier; Christmas day; John Paul Jones.

January: Benjamin Franklin; Daniel Webster.

February: George Washington; Abraham Lincoln; Henry Wadsworth Longfellow; James Russell.

March: Early spring; Return of birds.

April: Paul Revere's ride; Easter; Irving; Froebel; U. S. Grant.

All these were interspersed with drawings from the different schools, by grades, and lists, with maps, on school work.

In June a silk worm exhibit attracted a great deal of attention and caused many books about them to be taken out.

The calendar, with its special days indicated by the dates being covered with portraits or small picture illustrating the subject or topic to be borne in mind, is very popular at both libraries, and the changes each month are eagerly watched for.

Children's home use of books from Carnegie branch was 6,158, 44.5 per cent larger than last year, and 44 per cent of total branch use. Here the library has an especially wide field, and is acceptably filling it.

LIBRARY AND SCHOOL.

Direct work with the schools, through the grammar grades, received a fresh impetus by the addition to the school supplementary reading department of the library of 2,410 volumes at the expense of the school district, early in the fall. At the beginning of the fiscal year the collection contained 3,027 volumes. By direction of the school authorities, 1,238 volumes were transferred to certain schools as permanent school deposits, while 30 were worn out or damaged or lost and paid for. The remaining 4,169 volumes were issued 16,806 times. This does not represent the actual use, as the average issue to a teacher is but one-half as many copies as there are pupils in her largest class. The collection contains 42 titles. Aside from the value in school work, the books bring the library to the attention of school children in a manner possible in no other way. To this is attributed in a large measure the rapid increase in the use of the children's library. The school collection has been open to the teachers but three days a week. Changes proposed contemplate setting aside larger quarters, to be open daily, addition to the number of books, and delivery to schools by wagon.

BIOGRAPHICAL SECTION.

Arrangements are completed for starting the local biographical section. Filing cases and cards have been secured, and efforts are now under way to institute what should become an important function of the library, the gathering of local historical material with especial reference to personal connection with important events—in other words, biographical material. An attempt will be made to make this as valuable as possible along genealogical lines, and if a little interest is aroused among the people of St. Joseph the department should in time become one of the most interesting ones of the library. Letters explaining the plan are to be sent out, with the request that the card accompanying be filled out and returned.

IN GENERAL.

The reading rooms continue to grow in popularity, as indicated by the increased attendance. Additions to the periodical list include: Amateur work, American journal of philology, American journal of psychology, Bible student and teacher, Biblical world, Bibliotheca sacra, Booklover's magazine, Craftsman, Everybody's magazine, Little folks, Manual training magazine, Musician, Poet lore, What's in the magazines. The complete list numbers 180 titles, including donations. The new furniture added during the year, tables, chairs and periodical racks, have been much appreciated by patrons as adding greatly to their comfort. A list of periodicals taken may be found in the Bulletin for May.

Revision of the card catalog by the cataloging department progresses favorably. Including approximately 6,500 cards made in this work, about 14,000 cards were filed in the various catalogs. Of these, 5,140 printed cards were received from the Library of Congress at a cost of $43.93. Other printed cards were received from the Agricultural department and Public documents office, Washington; from the A. L. A. publishing section, for Modern eloquence, and important annuals. Misses Martin, Kerr and (in the latter's absence since Sept. attending library school) White, accomplished a great deal of work.

To the duplicate collection of popular fiction 160 volumes were added, at a cost of $154.70; 147 volumes were transferred to the free department. Rental receipts were $269.55. Number of volumes in the collection varies from 167 to 225 from time to time.

Miss Perry, reference librarian, reports a steadily growing use of that department, especially among professional men and mechanics. Club, school and general use keep pace with the growth of the city and the library. Periodicals added, in sets and to fill gaps, are appreciated. Some of the special lists and aids compiled and printed include references on Railroad legislation, Gardening, Fruit-growing, Women and home, all as timely as possible. The library has been of assistance to clubs, schools, colleges, normal schools, students and

teachers in a number of the smaller places in Missouri and Kansas in the matter of reference lists on various subjects. At the request of the officers of the Builders' exchange, a special list of titles of interest to the members was compiled and copies placed in the library and the exchange offices. Class lists for the high school were prepared in conjunction with teachers, at both libraries.

Bindery expense was $1,213.50, slightly in excess of 42c. a volume. This includes periodicals, newspapers, and books. Several hundred volumes additional should have been bound, but crowded condition of the binderies prevented the work being turned out in time to be included in this report. Through the adoption of different material the expense per volume of binding has been somewhat reduced.

The library co-operated with the Teachers' Association in the lecture courses of the University of Chicago extension work, handling the volumes furnished by the University in connection with the lectures of Professors Troop and Clark. Reference reservations were also made of library books, all of which was appreciated, and of benefit to users and library alike.

Accompanying this report will be found the usual tables of statistics and lists of donors.

In all work undertaken acknowledgment is made of cheerful and willing assistance on the part of the staff, the members of which join me in acknowledging the kindly consideration of the Board at all times.

Respectfully,

PURD B. WRIGHT,

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1906. Librarian.

STATE OF MISSOURI,
County of Buchanan, ss.

Before me, H. H. Smith, a notary public in and for the county aforesaid, personally appeared Purd B. Wright, librarian of the Free Public Library of the City of St. Joseph, Mo., and made oath that the facts and figures submitted are correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

HARRY H. SMITH,

My commission expires October 26th, 1906. Notary Public.

I—LIBRARY STATISTICS.

BOOK ACCOUNT.

Number of volumes reported April 30, 1905.....			31,300
Additions for fiscal year:			
By purchase	2,407		
By transfer from duplicate collection.....	147		
By periodicals bound	396		
By donations	513	3,463	
Withdrawals:			
Worn out, destroyed on account of contagion, etc..	687		
Lost or damaged and paid for.....	58		
Lost and not paid for.....	28		
Unaccounted for	45	798	
Net increase for the year			2,664
Number of volumes now in the library.....			33,964

SCHOOL DISTRICT DEPARTMENT.

Number of volumes reported April 30, 1905.....		3,027
Additions for fiscal year.....	2,410	
Withdrawals:		
Worn out, lost or damaged and paid for.....	30	
Transferred to schools	1,238	
Net increase for the year.....		1,142
Number of volumes in school collection.....		4,169
Total number of volumes in library, library and school collections		38,033

ACCESSIONS AND WITHDRAWALS FOR THE YEAR.

Class	Accessions	Withdrawals	Net Gains
General	71	37	34
Philosophy	38	1	37
Religion	124	2	122
Sociology (inc. pub. docs.)	442	9	433
Language	23	3	20
Natural science	102	5	97
Useful arts	140	6	134
Fine arts	104	4	100
Literature	212	37	175
Travel	184	13	171
Biography	160	6	154
History	204	17	187
Periodicals, R. L.....	356	4	352
Fiction	1302	654	648
Total	3462	798	2664

EXPENDITURES OF LIBRARY.

	General Fund	Special Fund	Total
ount—Books	$ 2,635.70		$ 2,635.70
dicals	358.37	$ 350.00	708.37
ing	1,205.50	8.00	1,213.50
Total	$ 4,199.57	$ 358.00	$ 4,557.57
library staff	$ 6,542.39		$ 6,542.39
engineer	708.59		708.59
and stationery	253.58	$ 34.00	287.58
	960.00		960.00
lights	58.60		58.60
	307.25		307.25
	38.00	27.10	65.10
epairs	8.76		8.76
repairs	73.66		73.66
insurance	60.00		60.00
urance	15.00		15.00
es	69.00		69.00
ards	131.49		131.49
nd express		91.74	91.74
station expenses		99.85	99.85
eous	129.93	44.66	174.59
	$13,555.82	$ 655.35	$14,211.17

CIRCULATION—MAIN LIBRARY—Adult

CLASS	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	b.	Mar.	April	Total
	123	98	108	121	99	97	106	136	146	138	154	125	1451
	53	62	71	59	72	97	88	79	81	68	78	53	859
	96	77	71	88	85	81	65	77	120	114	99	82	1055
	107	77	80	115	78	89	95	96	97	117	174	100	1225
	4	8	4	7	3	6	8	23	12	8	7	6	96
nce	98	63	81	53	73	78	74	74	94	97	139	128	1052
	82	101	107	113	99	103	115	94	142	149	189	125	1419
	93	91	88	95	79	97	86	66	96	100	142	132	1165
	474	268	327	321	26	427	450	448	613	471	612	412	5082
	240	258	292	260	297	305	314	324	311	286	336	229	3402
	195	106	144	132	158	162	204	182	204	195	283	187	2147
	200	109	115	119	162	175	223	184	211	218	319	213	2228
gazines	290	312	322	350	335	305	294	277	334	284	363	289	3755
	5743	5596	6425	6154	5689	5496	5444	5348	6660	6119	7194	5347	71225
tal	7838	7226	8285	7967	7474	7018	7566	7408	9121	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

CIRCULATION—MAIN LIBRARY—Children's Room.

CLASS	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	Total
General	38	20	41	21	15	28	43	45	29	33	42	19	37[illegible]
Philosophy	4	3	3	2	2	3	3	1	3	3	6	[illegible]	[illegible]
Religion	42	12	41	31	27	43	52	35	36	30	63	34	[illegible]
Sociology	59	45	31	37	42	32	47	39	52	56	68	68	[illegible]
Philology	68	52	37	34	23	33	60	51	53	34	80	79	[illegible]
Natural science	202	117	169	157	63	118	166	179	216	161	264	238	2[illegible]
Useful arts	14	20	24	21	12	28	39	28	37	32	50	43	3[illegible]
Fine arts	63	51	41	41	27	39	46	31	53	46	58	70	[illegible]
Literature	318	136	98	98	84	92	205	201	206	147	230	179	1[illegible]
Travel	306	198	181	197	194	303	358	258	311	300	470	407	3[illegible]
Biography	96	83	100	93	72	115	163	139	140	181	175	141	1[illegible]
History	248	165	148	177	107	232	245	277	287	342	428	298	3[illegible]
Current magazines	6	24	6	6	3	2	5	3	7	8	5	4	[illegible]
Children's stories	2721	2668	2743	2843	2075	1797	2185	2499	2872	2560	3266	2642	3[illegible]
Total	4080	3094	3663	3746	2766	2963	3722	3608	4332	3953	5203	4243	4[illegible]

CIRCULATION—CARNEGIE BRANCH—Total.

CLASS	May	June	July	Aug	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Fb.	Mar.	April	Total
General	4	7	...	1	1	1	....	..	1	2	....	....	17
Philosophy	5	7	11	3	4	4	2	2	6	5	5	2	56
Religion	5	9	19	6	2	10	8	10	19	19	12	11	130
Sociology	7	6	16	7	4	18	13	10	16	18	17	10	13[illegible]
Philology	1	27	10	10	2	2	9	5	2	9	3	5	8[illegible]
Natural science	26	33	42	20	12	23	35	31	27	50	56	43	3[illegible]
Useful arts	17	15	14	7	8	16	19	17	24	26	34	21	21[illegible]
Fine arts	14	20	6	7	11	17	11	15	25	22	19	51	18[illegible]
Literature	57	39	55	29	22	43	59	55	75	54	68	59	615
Travel	49	33	52	40	30	79	82	106	101	106	153	112	943
Biography	14	27	15	9	12	21	31	41	48	59	64	44	305
History	28	21	42	31	23	60	69	70	83	95	135	86	741
Current magazines	20	4	6	9	7	19	20	22	28	30	31	25	221
Fiction, includingh children's stories	707	694	737	711	602	696	753	794	1024	1009	[illegible]	1096	*10135
Total	952	942	1025	890	740	1016	1111	1178	1479	1504	1900	1529	†14366

CIRCULATION—CARNEGIE BRANCH
Children's Department. Included in above table

*Fiction	298	275	256	248	170	269	318	361	404	387	611	457	4054
†Classed Books	107	91	86	77	51	175	214	207	218	274	324	277	2101
Total	405	366	342	325	221	444	532	568	622	661	935	734	6155

CIRCULATION—School Supplementary Reading Department

CLASS	May	June	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	Total
Religion	.	.	104	38	60	77	14	63	58	414
Language	415	.	828	420	528	648	817	773	1056	5485
Natural science	63		190	176	119	177	216	302	279	1522
Literature	242		521	118	335	273	360	334	585	2768
Travel	84		714	284	103	123	59	18	64	1449
Biography	53		189	15	134	123	77	121	114	726
History	83		406	12	227	290	150	273	221	1662
Children's stories	292	19	605	175	290	284	454	242	421	2770
Total	1232	19	3557	1238	1896	1995	2147	2126	2798	16006

CIRCULATION—Recapitulation.

CLASS	Main Library		Carnegie Branch	School Sup. Reading	To	Per Cent.	
	Adult	Children					
General	1451	377	17	.....	1845	1 055	*
Philosophy	858	39	56	.....	947	.546	36
Religion	1055	467	130	414	2066	1.192	728
Sociology	1225	600	139	....	1964	1 134	292
Language	96	592	85	5435	6258	3 613	1280
Natural science	1062	2070	398	1522	5042	2 909	1847
Useful arts	1419	348	218	.....	1985	1 134	539
Fine arts	1165	566	182	.....	1913	1 104	261
Literature	5068	1892	615	2768	10358	5.978	1856
Travel	3492	3513	943	1449	9397	5 438	2016
Biography	2147	1488	395	736	4766	2.751	908
History	2238	3052	741	1662	7693	4 440	2963
Current magazines	3755	79	221	.....	4055	2 340	*271
Fiction, inc. children's Stories	71225	30871	10126	2770	114992	66.361	11618
Total	96261	45945	†14266	16806	173281	100	24071

†Children's use: Fiction, 4,054; classed books, 2, 104.
*Decrease.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

No. of days open, 357½. (Sundays, 1:30 to 6:30 p. m.)
No. of Sundays open, 52.
Average daily issue, 483. Increase, 67.
Average secular daily issue, 548. Increase, 72.
Average Sunday issue, 114. Increase, 43.
Largest issue in one day (not inc. supplementary reading) March 24, 1906, 1006.
Smallest issue in one day, Dec. 21, 1904, 217.
Largest issue on Sunday, March 18, 1906, 201.
Largest issue in one month, March 1906, 19,318. Increase, 2,618.
Smallest issue in one month, September, 1905, 10,930. Increase, 1,256.

DONORS AND DONATION.

Vols.	Nos.	Pam.	Donors
19	...	...	Atwill and Hyatt.
...	200	...	Beale, Prof. F. F.
...	...	...	Bartlett, Mrs. Herschel, oil painting.
...	3	...	Boston Book Co., Boston, Mass.
13	...	...	Bullard, Rev. Henry.
...	...	13	Burnham, Burt, and one sub. to magazine.
2	...	...	Boyden, Mrs. E.
1	...	...	Carnegie, Andrew, New York.
...	...	5	Canada—Minister of Agriculture.
1	...	...	Cashmere, J. H., Denver, Col.
...	...	...	Cochran, Mrs. C. F. (Maps.)
10	250	...	Dyer, Mrs. W. F.
8	...	...	D. A. R., St. Joseph chapter, and sub. to mag.
16	...	...	Educational Pub Co., Boston, Mass.
2	...	...	Esping, Mrs. G. V.
...	12	...	Fiegenbaum, Miss Mary.
10	8	8	Fulkerson, Hon. F. B.
1	...	...	Golding, Mrs. L. T. (Portraits of the president
1	...	...	Griffis, Rev. W. E., Ithaca, N. Y.
1	...	...	Hawks, Miss Mary.
...	36	...	Holman, F.
5	...	...	Hull, Frank.
5	...	...	I. O. B. B., Joseph Chapter No. 73.
1	...	...	Jewish publication society of America.
1	...	...	Loring, James M., St. Louis, Mo.
1	...	...	McBride, R. O.
...	...	2	McDougal, Judge H. C., Kansas City, Mo.
10	...	...	Massey, Mrs. C. M.
1	...	...	Mayer, E.
2	...	...	Meyer, Mrs. S.
1	...	...	Michel, John.
3	...	...	Missouri Bureau of geology and mines, Rolla, I
2	...	...	Missouri Building Association Dept.
...	...	...	Morton, Dr. Daniel, sub. to magazines.
1	...	...	Moss, Mrs. J. B
100	...	18	Nave, Mrs. Minnie H.
...	1	...	Newcomb, H. T., Washington, D. C.
2	...	...	News-Press.
..	...	5	Owens, Miss Luella Agnes.
1	...	...	Peace congress, Boston, Mass.
...	150	...	Powers, Mrs.
2	...	...	Robins, Earle L.
...	...	1	Roden, C. B., Chicago, Ill.
4	...	3	St. Joseph, City of.

1	...	...	School district of St. Joseph.
2	...	...	Schwab, Rev. Isaac.
6	...	...	Senter, Miss Lulu C.
1	...	...	Smith, Mrs. M. E. and Cotton, S. E., Sedalia, Mo.
1	...	...	Smythe, Mrs. R. M., N. Y.
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3	...	...	Swanger, Hon. John E., Jefferson City, Mo.
...	326	...	Thomas, Mrs. Roscoe.
12	12	6	U. S.—Bureau of labor statistics.
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39	...	...	University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.
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1	...	6	Westminster college, Fulton, Mo.
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...	1	...	Wilson, H. W. Pub. Co., Minneapolis, Minn.
2	...	2	Wright, Mrs. Purd B.

LIBRARY EXCHANGES.

(Including Reports or Bulletins, or both.)

Allegheny (Pa.) public library.
Atlanta (Ga.) Carnegie library.
Bradford (Pa.) Carnegie library.
Brooklyn (N. Y.) public library.
Buffalo (N. Y.) public library.
Carthage (Mo.) free public library.
Carlisle (Pa.) J. Herman Bosler library.
Cedar Rapids (Ia.) public library.
Chicago (Ill.) public library.
Cleveland (O.) public library.
Crerar library, Chicago, Ill.
Davenport (Ia.) public library.
Dayton (O.) public library.
Decatur (Ill.) public library.
Detroit (Mich.) public library.
Dubuque (Ia.) public library.
Duluth (Ia.) public library.
El Paso (Tex.) public library.
Erie (Pa.) public library.
Evanston (Ill.) public library.
Galveston (Tex.) Rosenberg library.
Grand Rapids (Mich.) public library.
Hartford (Conn.) public library.
Haverhill (Mass.) public library.

Helena (Mont.) public library.
Hoboken (N. J.) public library.
Iowa Library Commission, Des Moines, Iowa.
Jersey City (N. J.) public library.
Kansas City (Mo.) public library.
Kansas State Historical society, Topeka, Kan.
Lawrence (Kan.) public library.
Lawrence (Mass.) public library.
Lexington (Ky.) public library.
Lexington (Mass.) public library.
Lincoln (Neb.) public library.
Los Angeles (Cal.) public library.
Louisville (Ky.) public library.
Lowell (Mass.) public library.
Mercantile library, St. Louis, Mo.
Metropolitan Museum of Art library, N. Y.
Milton (Mass.) public library.
Milwaukee (Wis.) public library.
Minnesota library commission, St. Paul, Minn.
Nashville (Tenn.) Carnegie library.
Newark (N. J.) public library.
Nebraska library commission, Lincoln, Neb.
New Haven (Conn.) public library.
New York (N. Y.) public library.
Omaha (Neb.) public library.
Oregon library commission, Salem, Ore.
Ottumwa (Ia.) public library.
Paterson (N. J.) public library.
Peabody Institute, Danvers, Mass.
Peoria (Ill.) public library.
Philadelphia library Co., Philadelphia, Pa.
Pittsburg (Pa.) public library.
Pratt institute library, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Providence (R. I.) public library.
Quincy (Ill.) public library.
Reading (Pa.) public library.
Rockford (Ill.) public library.
St. Louis (Mo.) public library.
San Francisco (Cal.) public library.
Scranton (Pa.) public library.
Sedalia (Mo.) public library.
Syracuse (N. Y.) public library.
Tacoma (Wash.) public library.
Toronto (Ont.) public library.
Washington (D. C.) public library.
Western reserve university library school, Cleveland, O.
Westminster college library, Fulton, Mo.
Wisconsin library commission, Madison, Wis.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library.

Gentlemen: In the year just closed few changes occurred in the personnel of the library staff. Miss Senter, librarian in charge of Carnegie branch, reported ill in the last report of this committee and absent on leave, returned to her duty early last fall. Miss Lillian C. Kerr was granted leave of absence in September to attend the Drexel Institute, Philadelphia, library school, her place being filled temporarily by Miss Hilda K. White, of the Illinois library school. Miss Kerr will return to this library during the summer, and Miss White will take a second year in the library school. The only other changes in the library staff were confined to the messenger force, reported as they occurred.

As anticipated in the last report, it was found necessary to provide additional help in the library, the substitutes being used for extra hours in both departments. Increased use of the children's department was as marked as the year before, and if this continues additional time will be required on the part of the substitutes, possibly requiring full time.

Respectfully submitted,

C. P. CARGILL,
JOHN MICHEL,
JAS. H. McCORD,
Administration Committee.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1906.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library.

Gentlemen: The statement submitted by the Treasurer has been examined, and your committee reports that it shows the financial transactions of the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library, checking with the books of the city auditor.

The city apportionment for library purposes for the year was $13,200, $10,700 for the main library and $2,500 for Carnegie branch. A claim for a balance of $70.40 made by this committee last year was allowed, and a supplementary apportionment by the council placed in the fund for the main library $151.82 additional and for Carnegie branch $32.60. Total library fund from the city, therefore, was $13,455.82. To this was added $100 from the special fund, credited to the main library account. Total expenditures through the city to the account of the library therefore aggregated $13,555.82; through the special library account, $655.35; or a grand total through all departments of $14,211.17.

In view of the fact that there had been no increase in the library apportionment for two years, an estimate for the ensuing year's needs was submitted, calling for a total of $15,500—$12,500 for the main library and $3,000 for Carnegie branch. These amounts were included in the general apportionment ordinance introduced before the Common Council, and at the meeting of that body April 30, were allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. A. PFEIFFER,
C. P. CARGILL,
JOHN MICHEL,
Finance Committee.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1906.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library.

Gentlemen: While the growth of the library for the fiscal year just closed is not so large as the year before, it is pleasing to note that one of the principal causes for this was its increased use in all departments. The inventory just completed shows that the library proper contains 33,864 volumes; school collection, 4,167 additional. The increase in the number of volumes issued was 24,071. Following a slightly larger increase of the year before, more books were worn out and the bindery and clerical expense was proportionately larger. More volumes in the best binding obtainable were purchased than heretofore, which, while it makes the cost per volume somewhat larger, will reduce future binding expense.

All purchases were made under rules governing the committee.

Use of the children's departments was somewhat notable, the volumes in the children's rooms at the main building being issued on an average of nearly once a month. At the branch the average issue was seven times. Both departments are sadly in need of additional volumes, and it is hoped to greatly relieve this condition during the coming year.

Work with the schools is advancing steadily, and with this as a potent lever, children's use of the library is rapidly becoming one of its leading features, 39.8 per cent of the total number of volumes issued for home use being thus credited. As heretofore, this work is heartily supported by the school officials and teachers.

In the reference department important additions have been made. In the periodical section, in addition to filling in a number of small vacancies in sets, the following were completed: American journal of sociology, Cassier's magazine, Education, Musical record, Nation, and Poet lore.

The library was fortunate in securing at greatly reduced prices, *Reed's* Modern eloquence, 15v.; Tissot's Life of Christ, 4v. (containing

the reproduction of the famous pictures); Thomas, ed., Famous composers and their music, 16v.; the more popular volumes of the International library of technology; and a number of less important but equally useful volumes.

In conclusion, your committee cannot refrain from calling attention to the steady increase in donations by friends of the library, as shown by the list in the report of the librarian.

Respectfully submitted,

H. K. WHITE,
JAS. H. McCORD,
J. W. ATWILL,
Library Committee.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1906

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library.

Gentlemen: All expenditures made under the jurisdiction of this committee may be seen under appropriate headings in the report of the Treasurer. These have been reported to the Board, and all expenditures other than of a minor nature were made by your authority.

A serious effort was made during the past year to get walks laid throughout the grounds. Your committee cooperated with the Park Commissioners, with the authority of the Board, but lack of means in the Commission's department prevented. The balance of the donation of Mr. Carnegie, $193.26, in the hands of the Board treasurer, was placed at the disposal of the Commission, for these walks, but as sufficient money was not available to complete the work, it was laid over until this year. It is hoped that this necessary work will not be delayed longer.

Proposed changes and additions to the stack were submitted to the Trustees of the School District of St. Joseph, and an allowance was provided for these in the proposed issue of bonds at the recent election, when no election was declared. The children's room is in a most congested condition, but it is hoped that some arrangement may be made that will permit of relief being afforded in advance of another election.

Additional book stacks are becoming a crying necessity, and some means will have to be devised to care for the normal growth of the library, if the proposed bond issue is again submitted and defeated.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL MORTON,
W. E. WARRICK,
HENRY BULLARD,
Buildings and Grounds Committee.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1906

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SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

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OF THE

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OF THE

CITY OF ST. JOSEPH, MO.

FOR THE

FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1907.

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ASSISTANTS: Annie M. Perry, reference; Eudora Martin, Lillian C. Kerr, cataloging; Bessie McCoy, children's room, main library; Jessie M. Gibson, Jennie K. Willson, desk; Ethel Fife, Annie Knight, general; Joseph Mann, Richard Jameison, messengers; Elizabeth Hull, substitute.
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President's Letter Transmitting Reports.

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council of the City of St Joseph, Mo

Gentlemen: I take pleasure in submitting for your consideration the annual report of the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library of the City of St. Joseph, Mo., composed of the reports of the officers, committees and librarian, for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1907

These reports give in detail the operations of the library in every department, and indicate for the period named the usual activity, with results corresponding with those of former years.

Consequent upon the increase of revenues as the result of a larger assessment upon which to base the library tax, growth of the library was greater than for some years Advantage was taken of this opportunity to broaden the work of the institution, especially along industrial lines, with results gratifying to all interested. All departments of the library show an increased use

The new room for children, provided at the expense (with the exception of floor covering) of the school district, is attractive and duly appreciated by the younger generation, as is shown by its use. The success of the school bond proposition at the fall election, carrying as it did provision for doubling the shelf capacity of the library, and for which a contract has been let, solves a troublous problem and clears the way for caring for growth in number of volumes for some years to come

While the normal growth of the city will in all probability provide sufficient revenues for the current requirements of the library, even under existing laws, the librarian voices a serious need when he calls attention to the comparatively small number of books with which the library is expected to meet the book requirements of a large population. The problem is one worthy due consideration on your part, as well as that of every interested citizen of St Joseph

Calling attention to the reports herewith, and asking for them careful perusal, as well as frequent examinations of the library, I am,

Yours truly,

J. W ATWILL, PRESIDENT.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1907

Report of the Treasurer.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library.:

Gentlemen: The statement in connection herewith shows the receipts and disbursements of the library for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1907, as required by your by-laws.

Apportionments for the library and branch aggregated $15,500—$12,500 for the main library and $3,000 for Carnegie branch. Credits to both accounts were somewhat in excess of these figures, as will be seen by the report of the Finance Committee.

As heretofore, the statement includes the special fund account, the petty cash received and expenditures made at the library. Collections to the credit of this account are from the duplicate collection, penalties on over due books, books lost and paid for, catalogs and supplements sold, and miscellaneous sources. All expenditures at the library from this account by the librarian are reported to the Library Board at the monthly meetings and approved.

As directed by the By-Laws, expenditures through the city departments are accounted for in detail, on duplicate vouchers, approved by not less than two members of the Finance Committee, and certified by the President after being allowed by the Board. Originals of all vouchers are on file in the office of the city auditor, the duplicates being retained in the office of the librarian.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. A. PFEFIFER, TREASURER.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1907.

STATE OF MISSOURI, }
County of Buchanan. }

Before me, Joseph C. Hedenberg, a notary public in and for the county aforesaid, personally appeared Charles A. Pfeiffer, Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library of the City of St. Joseph, Mo., and made oath that the facts and figures in his report are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Given under my hand and seal this 8th day of May, 1907.

My commission expires November 8th, 1909.

(SEAL) JOSEPH C. HEDENBERG,

Notary Public.

Main Library—General Account.

Receipts.

From city apportionment	$12,500.00	
Balance from sup apportionment, 1905-06	114.55	
Transferred to library account	6.13	
Deposit by Board Treasurer from special fund	500.00	$13,120.68

Disbursements.

By general warrant on city treasurer:			
Book account—Books	$ 3,248.66		
Periodicals	331.58		
Binding	1,286.34	$ 4,866.58	
Salaries, librarian and assistants		6,270.92	
Printing and Stationery		200.40	
Postage		40.00	
Heat and engineer		450.69	
Janitors		450.00	
Insurance, books		121.00	
Cards		77.50	
Telephones		42.00	
Furniture		236.50	
Miscellaneous		365.09	$13,120 68

Special Fund Account.

Receipts.

Brought forward in hands Board Treasurer	$ 355.48	
Brought forward in hands Librarian	21.28	
Received from duplicate collection	290.70	
Penalties	727.32	
Catalogs	5 20	
Supplements	5.95	
Miscellaneous sources	129.15	$ 1,535.08

Disbursements.

posited in Gen'l fund, by Board Treas.		$ 500.00	
id Special Warrant No. 2, periodicals		366.90	
librarian:			
Frieght and express	$ 80.72		
Postage	34.11		
Stationery	35.05		
Delivery station expenses	83.60		
Miscellaneous	72.58	$ 306.06	
lances:			
In hands Board Treasurer	343.58		
In hands Librarian	18.54	362.12	$ 1,535.08

Recapitulation.

Receipts.

om city apportionment, etc	$12,620.68	
Special fund	1,535.08	$14,155.76

Disbursements.

y vouchers on city treasurer, general fund	$13,120.68	
y vouchers on special fund, periodicals	366.90	
y librarian	306.06	
alances:		
In hands Board Treasurer	343.58	
In hands Librarian	18.54	$14,155.76

Carnegie Branch.

Receipts.

rom city apportionment, 1906-1907	$ 3,000.00	
alance from supplementary apportionment	6.26	$ 3,006.26

Disbursements.

ook account:				
Books	$ 648.02			
Periodicals	106.95			
Binding	190.48	$ 945.45		
alaries assistants in charge		1,021.50		
uel		115.05		
anitor		567.50		
urniture		39.00		
rinting and stationery		24.20		
elephone		30.00		
lectric light		54.90		
uilding repairs		29.51		
iscella neous		179.15	$ 3,006.26	

General Recapitulation.

Total Receipts.

Main library, general fund	$12,620.68	
Special fund	1,535.08	
Carnegie library	3,006.26	$17,162 02

Total Disbursements.

Main library, general fund	$13,120 68	
Special fund	672.96	
Carnegie branch	3,006.26	
Balances.		
In hands Board Treasurer	343.58	
In hands Librarian	18.54	$17,162 02

CARNEGIE BRANCH BUILDING FUND.

Receipts.

Received from Mr. Andrew Carnegie		$25,000 00

Disbursements.

For building, furniture, equipment	$24,806 74	
Balance on hand, reserved for completing walk (not built on account of filled ground	193.26	$25,000.00

Report of the Librarian.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library.

Gentlemen: Herewith is presented the report of the librarian for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1907. It covers the seventeenth year of the library's existence.

The most notable progress of the year was the number of volumes added; the increase in circulation; the response to efforts to induce a more extensive use of books relating to industrial trades, and expansion in work with children. The increase in library revenues made it possible to broaden somewhat library activities. The new room for children, with its additional space and extra help in the busiest periods, permitted more and better work with young people than heretofore.

Contents of Library, Growth, Etc.

The library proper contains 38,219 volumes, the net increase for the year being 4,136. In addition, the supplementary reading collection of the school district (cared for by the library) consists of 5,748 volumes, net additions being 1,579, total net additions under control of library, 5,715. Total number of volumes cared for by the library, 45,967.

It is deemed not inappropriate to say that the library is too small for the number of people it is expected to serve. It has not a sufficient number of books, and, without them, cannot hope to fill the field open to it. As a result its work has never been such as to give complete satisfaction in any regard, either to those who use it or to those in charge. Of the 38,219 volumes used in regular library work, 9,967, or 26 per cent, are in the reference department, 10,712, or 28 per cent, are fiction and children's stories, leaving 17,552 volumes, or 45 per cent, in two buildings, to cover every form of human interest and knowledge for a population estimated by the Bureau of Commerce and Labor at 115,000. This is the result of insufficient funds. Every Library Board has recognized the need for books, and restricted expenditures in every direction so that the book fund might be kept as large as possible. The council, in the matter of funds, in later years, has been fair to the library under the law. That, however, has not answered its needs. It should have now not less than twice as many volumes as it possesses. An investment of $25,000 at this time would place it in position to do work creditable alike to the city and to all concerned. Other places have citizens who met just such contingencies as this, and hopes are not yet abandoned that St. Joseph will find some one who will come to the relief of this institution with a library gift for the immediate purchase of books, or as an endowment, the proceeds to be used in the book fund.

The inventory, just completed, disclosed 85 volumes missing, 31 more than were unaccounted for one year ago. Of the 54 then not found, 8 volumes

have since been returned, making a total of 46 which were evidently stolen. Of the volumes missing this year, 78 are charged to the main library, 25 being from the young peoples' library; 7 to Carnegie branch, of which 2 were charged to the children's section. Twenty-four volumes missing are from the 800 class, 8 being in drama -Isben, Shaw, Phillips, etc. The idea is prevalent in the library that the most of this thieving is committed by non-residents. In the matter of dollars and cents the loss is inconsequential as compared with the value and pleasure of open shelves, to say nothing of the saving effected by permitting patrons to wait upon themselves. Continued losses, however petty, are none the less aggravating, and the increase in the number of volumes missing is to be deplored. The only remedy suggested is increased surveillance, and a possible restriction of use of library to residents only, a ruling which, it is to be hoped, may not be necessary.

Circulation and Library Use.

The circulation for the year was 183,715, an increase of 10,484, the details of which may be found in the tables of circulation with other library statistics accompanying, and a part of this report. Fiction comprised 66.4 per cent of the total circulation, an increase of .04 per cent as compared with the previous year. With the exception of Carnegie branch, each department showed a slight decrease in the use of fiction, an increase at the branch of 2 per cent offset the decrease, however. With so little change in the total percentage column, no great changes occurred in any special class use. Total use of books on mechanical lines, while still comparatively small, showed an increase of 27.4 per cent, the result of a very satisfactory advertising campaign mentioned elsewhere. Literature, travel and religion were the only classes showing an actual decrease in the number of volumes issued. Library use of books continues to grow, although as patrons become more familiar with the classification, fewer volumes are left upon the tables. The adult department of the main library hardly held its own in the matter of circulation. The new room for the young peoples' library, with new books, and other attractions, not only held the young people longer than heretofore, but drew back to it many who had felt that they had graduated therefrom the year before.

Increased attention having been given in later years to building up certain divisions of fine and useful arts, without proportionate increase in their use, efforts were made during the latter part of the year to effect a change. The list of books prepared by a committee of the Society for Promotion of Engineering Education, was first carefully checked, and some purchases made therefrom, in addition, a careful selection was made of titles relating to subjects of special interest to workers in the industries of St. Joseph, including electricity, woodworking, foundry work, cement and concrete, wool and weaving, producer gas, natural gas and its use, window trimming, etc. A special edition of 1000 copies of the bulletin for October, showing some of the new titles, was issued and copies mailed to every shop in the city, as well as to many individual addresses. Results were unsatisfactory. In the latter part of January select lists of titles on given subjects

were prepared, one of which was published each day in the News-Press newspaper for one month. The first list was of books relating to automobiles, their care, management, repair, etc. The use of these more than doubled at once. Each day the newspaper announced the list to be given the ensuing day. Following the automobile list was one on cement, concrete, concrete-steel, etc. While the books in the library on these subjects were not numerous, from force of circumstances, they were the best to be had. Within 48 hours after the appearance of the list not a single volume was left upon the shelves, and inquiries for the books grew in steadily increasing numbers. The better or more useful books were duplicated, other titles were added as quickly as possible and as funds would permit, and this department is now one of the most popular in the library. With few exceptions, each of the 30 lists published brought new patrons to the library. Least satisfactory was the use of books on iron, steel and foundry work. In an effort to ascertain the cause for this, a traveling library has just been made up and placed in a foundry. It is the intention to send it from one foundry to another, following it with personal interviews with the men who have used the books in an attempt to get them to use the library. Another traveling library is being prepared which will soon start the rounds of certain large machine shops.

Being fairly in touch with the younger generation, and having reasonably well under way the idea of fixing upon them the reading and study habit, no better work is open to the library, in the opinion of this writer, than that of encouraging mechanics—especially the younger shop-trained men—in any line to become, through their own efforts in study and the right use of their brains and time, better workmen, capable of doing the best work, with the consequent increase in wage-earning power. It may, in all fairness, be claimed to mean not only a better and broader life for them, but infinitely more to their families in enlarged opportunities for education and the things which count, and therefore well worth while. To do a portion of this it is not deemed necessary to relax in any way efforts in other legitimate branches of library work.

Registration.

A gain of 393 in the number of card holders is shown, the total now being 8,252. From the total registration all cards canceled are deducted. Actual cards outstanding number 11,484.

Work With Children.

Work with children continues to occupy a leading place in library activities. The old quarters becoming too small, as reported last year, on application the school district provided a new room on the first floor of the library building, containing twice as much floor space as the old. The new room was fitted with washstand, furnished with new bookcases of oak, and the walls were tastefully decorated, all at the expense of the district. Among the pictures hung were the following reproductions: Round Table of King Arthur, Abbey; Madonna of the Chair, Raphæl;Hiawatha, Taylor;

Little Fortune Tellers, Reynolds, presented by Mrs A. L. Bartlett; Before the Battle, Brush, presented by Mrs. J. B. Moss; Choir Boys, etching by Spiegle, presented by Mrs Minnie Nave; George Washington, Steuart In shelving the books, children's stories were placed on the two top shelves, class books being placed underneath This idea was adopted from East Orange, N. J., and has been successful, in that it prevents congestion in given places and encourages children to the use of books other than stories, through bringing the other titles constantly before the eyes of the readers For the "littlest ones" a special department was created, their books being shelved in a special alcove. It is a delight to witness the pleasure they take in selecting their own books. As opening attractions, a number of new books had been obtained, and an experiment was made with 1600 stereoscopic views with holders, and a number of dissected maps of different countries. Results have proven eminently satisfactory. The views, especially, have been an endless source of pleasure and instruction to the children Teachers and mothers came in such numbers that it was found necessary to rule that "grown-ups" were not permitted use of the stereos when there were unserved applicants among the children The views purchased were chosen with special reference to their value as aids in the study of geography, showing the people, their customs and industries, with interesting views in different countries

From the children's library, main building, 52,030 volumes were issued, an increase of 6,082, or 13 per cent over the previous year. The number of volumes in the circulation department of this room at this time is 4,888.

Circulation of children's books at Carnegie branch (hereafter more fully treated under branch work) was 8,309. To this total of 60,399, issued to children from the library department proper, is added the number of books issued through the schools, 17,944, making a grand total of 78,283 volumes—42 per cent of entire use of library—as representing children's use

Miss McCoy, children's librarian at the main library, reports especially satisfactory work with illustrated bulletins, the endeavor being to have not less than two bulletins of importance each month, not neglecting the usual birthday celebrations, minor events and things of local interest—as for instance, the horse, dog and poultry shows. The bulletins creating the greatest interest were (1) devoted to the Eskimos and (2) the Kempton-Wace set of 30 photographs, representing Hiawatha, as presented by the Indians The Hiawatha pictures will be loaned to several schools next fall to be used with sets of Longfellow's Hiawatha from the supplementary reading collection

At the request of the supervisor of primary grades of the public schools, lists of titles were made on the following subjects, and sent by the school authorities to teachers as a part of the regular school reading course First grade, Life in the desert, Arabia,ostriches, camels, second grade, Switzerland; third grade, farm life, China, silk worms, tea Lists for other grades included North America, Revolutionary War. Numerous lists were made for the debating and study clubs of the various schools and classes.

Circulation in this department of the library was somewhat curtailed by the closing of two schools for a portion of the school term on account of

contagious diseases, all card-holders in these schools being suspended from the use of the library. At the present time one four-room school is on the suspension list.

Library and School.

To the school collection for supplementary reading, a net increase of 1,579 volumes was made, making a total of 5,748 volumes, furnished at the expense of the school district. During the eight months the use of these books are permitted in the schools, 17,800 volumes were issued. This by no means represents the total use of the books. Teachers in the first four grades of the grammar schools are permitted to take one book for each pupil in the largest reading class; while those in grades five to eight are allowed one-half as many copies of books as there are pupils. It frequently happens that one set of books is used by four classes. If the parents of school children were required to purchase the books supplied through this collection, it would require an expenditure annually on their part greater in the aggregate than the entire cost of operating the library. The aim of these books is not only to teach the child to read, but to teach it to want to read and to read things of some value—to create the reading habit of the right sort. Each book issued through the schools is a traveling sign for and advocate of the library.

The school collection is cared for in the room formerly occupied by the young peoples' library, and is open three days a week, being in charge of Miss Knight. Service was more satisfactory than heretofore.

Schools tributary to Carnegie branch were served from that institution 2,286 being issued.

Carnegie Branch.

MISS SENTER.

Extra funds provided at the beginning of the year made it possible to more readily meet the wants of patrons than heretofore. The addition of high school classes (formerly attending the up-town high school) to the Benton school, necessitated the purchase of numerous titles for which there had heretofore been little demand. That these purchases and work with this school were appreciated by teachers and pupils alike is demonstrated by the showing that every pupil in the Benton school has a library card and uses it. This can be said of no other school in the city.

The branch contains 5,564 volumes, 1,235 being in the children's library. Additions for the year were 1,756; 1,196 for adults and 560 for children. The number of volumes issued for home use during the year from the children's department was 8,309, against 6,105 issued last year. From the adult department, 9,464 volumes were issued, being an increase of 1,553.

Total increase in library use was 3,507.

May 22 it was deemed wise to suspend all cards belonging to pupils in the McKinley and Hosea schools, some of the grades having been previously closed on account of smallpox. A little later cards were suspended from all schools of this suburb. June 12th there were 203 cards being held at the library. As a result, the use of books for home reading for the month of June

in the children's department decreased to less than one-half as many as the same month the previous year. All cards were restored to holders by August 1st, when circulation began to increase.

Special collections created to meet the wants of this section of the city have met with gratifying use. This is especially true of books relating to the packing and allied industries Books and periodicals on meat and animal inspection and refrigeration are in constant demand, and in the government examinations successful applicants have been library students. Gas and gas engines, and cement and wood-working books have also been popular

The various activities of the library, including club work with adults and children, continue along satisfactory lines.

Delivery Stations.

The discontinuance of the delivery station on Frederick Avenue was responsible for a decrease in the number of volumes thus issued Arrangements are under way looking to the establishment of a station on the Avenue at a greater distance from the library Also on South Sixth and South Eleventh Streets, and in the Eastern portion of the city The school authorities are in position and are willing to provide rooms for branch deposit libraries in various outlying portions of the city, and it is a cause for keenest regret that the library has neither the books nor the money to employ assistants to properly occupy a field capable of such great development The value of these so-called school deposit branches are beyond question. Had the sum asked for by the library board from the council been granted, it was in contemplation to recommend the establishment this fall of two such branches.

Cataloging Department.

MISSES MARTIN AND KERR.

On account of the larger number of new titles added, little progress was made in the revision of the card catalog. Including 5,631 printed cards from the Library of Congress, 2,500 from other sources, 15,000 cards were filed in the different catalogs

Reading Room.

A steady increase in the use of the reading room is reported, as might be expected from an extension of the list of periodicals taken. Titles received regularly, including gifts, now number 217 The following were added since last report. American journal of psychology, American machinist, Business World, Carpentry and building, Concrete, Elementary school teacher, Ice and refrigeration, Iron age, Journal of American history, Machinery, Railway age, Technical literature, Technical world, Theatre and Western musical herald. It was found necessary to keep at the delivery desk certain art, music, and some of the finely illustrated magazines, and require that they be asked for, to prevent mutilation at the hands of vandals.

New binders provided are appreciated by the patrons and preserve the magazines.

Reference Work.

MISS PERRY.

The reference department has always been given the first place in point of expansion, other departments frequently being curtailed in order that at least one portion of the library might the more nearly do the work it was called upon to do. As a result it contains 9,967 volumes, or 26 per cent of the contents of the library. Of these, 3,967 are periodicals, of which 527 were added during the year, needed sets as well as current volumes. In addition to the usual school and club work, a large number of special lists were made on useful arts; a special list on interurban railways and one on cement. A list of 100 good novels for men was prepared and has been found useful. The new bulletin board made it possible to attract more attention than formerly to the current events table. In this work the topics and lists suggested by the "Independent" were found helpful and very useful. No record is kept of library use of books other than a mere count of volumes left upon tables. These numbered 26,410.

Local History Collection.

A number of additions of importance made to the collection of local historical material which the library is slowly gathering, include the complete records of the organization of the first Sunday-school in St. Joseph in 1844, with a list of pupils and the teachers, and a photograph of the building occupied later. Also, the original title catalog of the first circulating library organized in 1845. These were deposited in the library by Dr. Lee L. McDonald. A paper by one of the riders of the Pony Express and another in relation to the "flag incident" in the early days of the war, was secured and filed. A rather interesting collection of St. Joseph souvenir post cards, numbering several hundred, has been made and will be added to from time time. A copy of the Missouri Gazette, St. Louis, for July 26, 1803, being volume 1, number 3, placed between panes of glass and framed, was hung in the reading room and attracts much attention.

New Shelving.

As the result of the voting of bonds for school buildings and other purposes at the fall election, money was set aside by the school district for an addition to the shelving in the stack room of the library. In March the contract for this work was let, and by September 15th it is promised that the problem of shelving books will have been solved for some years. Other important work furnished was the closing with art glass of the light shaft in the rotunda, while still other is in contemplation. It is to be borne in mind that the school district and library board are different organizations, although representing the same people. The co-operation has been beneficial to those interested.

Duplicate Collection.

To the duplicate collection was added 262 volumes, at a cost of $258 67 Receipts from rental of same were $290 70 There remain in the collection 169 volumes, 204 having been transferred to the free collection.

In General.

The library again co-operated with the Teachers' Association in the lecture course of Prof Vincent of the University of Chicago Extension work, and of Prof Hill of the University of Missouri.

The daily newspapers of the city have shown great interest in the work of the library by publishing many columns of lists, notes and general library information, furnished from this office. To each of them is the library indebted for two copies of the papers, one for the reading room and one for binding

Aside from the bulletin, no other publication was made during the year Five hundred copies of the list of 1000 best novels were purchased from the Newark Library and were sold at cost.

The usual table of statistics and lists of donors accompany this report as appendices.

On behalf of the entire staff, advantage is taken of this opportunity to render to the Board of Directors sincere appreciation for courtesies extended

PURD B. WRIGHT, LIBRARIAN.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1907.

STATE OF MISSOURI, } ss
County of Buchanan, }

Before me, H. H Smith, a notary public in and for the county aforesaid, personally appeared Purd B Wright, librarian of the Free Public Library of the City of St. Joseph, Missouri, and made oath that the facts and figures submitted are correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

My commission expires Oct. 29, 1909

HARRY H. SMITH,
(SEAL) Notary Public

I—Library Statistics.

Book Account.

Number of volumes reported April 30, 1906			33 864
Additions for fiscal year:			
By purchase	3,554		
By transfer from duplicate collection	204		
By periodicals bound	557		
By donations	591	4,906	
Withdrawals:			
Worn out, burned, etc	641		
Lost or damaged and paid for	62		
Lost and not paid for	21		
Unaccounted for (missing at inventory)	46	770	
Net increase in regular library department			4,136
Duplicate collection, not heretofore reported:			
In collection May 1, 1906	164		
Added by purchase	262	426	
Disposition:			
Transferred to regular collection	204		
Lost	2		
Burned	1	207	
Number volumes in collection April 30, 1907			219
Number of volumes now in the Library proper			38,219

School District Department.

Number of volumes reported April 30, 1906			4,169
Additions for fiscal year		1,843	
Withdrawals.			
Worn out, lost and paid for	87		
Transferred to schools	177	264	
Net increase for the year			1,579
Number of volumes in school collection			5,748
Total number of volumes in library, library and school collections			43,967

Accessions and Withdrawals Classified.

Class	Accessions	Withdrawals	Net Gain
General	109	9	100
Philosophy	47	1	46
Religion	98	4	94

Sociology (inc. pub docs.)	481	4	477
Language	60	2	58
Natural science	224	13	211
Useful arts	218	4	214
Fine arts	146	2	144
Literature	172	33	139
Travel	257	19	238
Biography	202	9	193
History	273	17	256
Periodicals, R. L.	527	1	526
Fiction, inc children's stories	2092	652	1440
Total	4906	770	4136

Expenditures of Library.

	Gen'l Fund	Spec'l Fund	Total
Book Account—Books	$ 3,896.68		$ 3,896 68
Periodicals	438.53	$366.90	805 43
Binding	1,476.82		1,476 82
Total	$ 5,812.03	$366.90	$ 6,178 93
Salaries, library staff	7,292.42		7,292.42
Printing and stationery	224.60	35.05	259 65
Postage	40 00	34.11	74 11
Fuel and engineer	565.74		565 74
Janitor service	1,017 50		1,017 50
Insurance, books	121.00		121.00
Telephones	72 00		72.00
Furniture	275 50		275 50
Building repairs, branch	29.51		29.51
Miscellaneous			
Catalog cards	87.50		87.50
Stereoscopic views	123.55		123.55
Magazine binders, reading room	67.84		67.84
Typewriter, exchange	40.00		40.00
A. L. A expense	100.00		100.00
Electric light	71.84		71.84
Ice	19 80		19 80
Picture frames	18.55		18.55
Moving shelving	8.50		8.50
Freight and express		80.72	80.72
Delivery station expenses		83.60	83.60
General	139 06	72.58	211.64
	*$16,126.94	†$672.96	$16,799.90

*Expended through city departments.
†Expended from contingent fund.

Library Receipts and Disbursements.

Receipts.

·ought forward	$ 21.28	
·om duplicate collection	290.70	
Penalties	727.32	
Supplements	5.25	
Catalogs	5.20	
Books lost and paid for	49.29	
Books sold	4.31	
Contribution from unknown source	22.00	
Miscellaneous	53.55	$1,179.60

Disbursements.

eposited credit Sec.-Treas.	$855.00	
ɔcidental expenses·		
Freight and express	80.72	
Postage	34.11	
Stationery	35.05	
Delivery station expenses	83.60	
Miscellaneous	72.58	
orward	18.54	$1,179.60

Circulation.

CLASS	Main Library		Carnegie Branch		School Sup. Reading	Total	Per Cent.
	Adult	Children	Adult	Children			
eneral	1304	227	6	13		1550	84
hilosophy	903	27	59			1968	.52
eligion	1078	538	74	23	293	2016	1.09
ociology	1383	608	103	95	302	2591	1.39
anguage	131	1377		123	6420	8056	4.87
atural science	1213	1990	98	314	1664	5184	2.88
eeful arts	1757	442	169	57	132	2557	1.39
ine arts	1501	637	58	181		2407	1.39
iterature	4717	1790	437	327	2412	9683	5 27
ravel	3020	3588	318	670	1061	8947	4 33
iography	2019	1871	205	258	1076	5126	2 79
istory	2235	3469	534	512	1892	8642	4.70
urrent magazines	3676	54	290			4019	2.18
iction, including children's stories	71033	35593	7083	5734	2643	121996	66.40
TOTAL	95968	53930	9464	8309	17944	183715	100.00

Donors and Donations.

	Vols.	Pam
Agee, Van	1	
Altemus Co , Henry, Philadelphia	1	
Atlas Portland Cement Co , N. Y	1	
Atwill, J W	3	4
Atwood, F., Concordia, Kans	1	
Beale, Prof F. F	..	65
Binswanger, Mrs. Lena	5	
Boston Book Co , Boston	..	5
Bullard, Rev Henry	7	
Canada -Census office	1	
Combe Ptg. Co	47	
Cox, Ethel Louise, Brooklyn, N. Y	1	..
D A R , St. Joseph Chapter, sub to mazazine	2 pictures loaned	
Davos, Switzerland	1	
Essex Institute, Salem, Mass	1	
Fiegenbaum, Annie	.	15
Fife, Miss Ethel	2	
Francis Street M E. Church	65	
Glossup, Emma E	4	
Hyatt & Atwill	34	
Illinois state historical society	1	.
Irvine, J. M	2	.
Joseph Lodge, No. 73, I. O B. B	11	.
Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka, Kans	2	..
Kansas City Board of Education	...	2
Larned, Charles, Oxford, Mass	1	.
Lemon, Mrs. John S	20	
Library of Congress	6	
Lillie, Walter	1	
Little, Arthur W	1	.
Lombard, Louis, Lugano, Switzerland	1	
Mayer, Emmanuel, subs to two newspapers	....	
Mercantile Library, St Louis, Mo	25	.
Mexico—State department	3	. .
Missouri—Adjutant-General	5	.
Board of agriculture	2	5
Bureau of geology and mines	2	2
Labor commissioner	2	..
Railroad commissioner	5	..
State auditor	9	...

tate Treasurer	3	....
upervisor building and loans	1	....
Jniversity	3	4
n, Dr. Daniel	17	5
Mrs. Joseph B., one picture	....	....
Harvey	2	....
State Library	11	....
Zealand, dept. of tourist and health resorts	1	....
-Press	2	....
va, Canada, supt. of instruction	1	....
of the Cross, Paynton, Eng	1	....
nal helps pub. co., Des Moines, Ia	1	....
Vinton	40	....
Pitman sons, N. Y	1	....
rts, A. G	3	....
seph, City of	2	....
seph High School, senior class	1	....
ab, Dr. Isaac	13	....
tific American compiling dept., N. Y	16	....
d Church of Christ, scientist	4	....
y, Mrs. W. L	1	....
edt, L. G., Buffalo, N. Y	1	....
of the Revolution, St. Joseph Society	1	....
Pub. docs. office and depts	....	....
ersity of Chicago	7	70
minster college	....	6
h, Mrs	....	150

Library Exchanges.

(Including Reports or Bulletins, or both.)

Allegheny (Pa.) public library
Atlanta (Ga.) Carnegie library
American Library Association.
Bradford (Pa.) public library
Brooklyn (N.Y.) public library
Buffalo (N.Y.) public library
California state library, Sacramento, Cal
Carthage (Mo.) public library.
Cary Library, Lexington, Mass.
Cedar Rapids, (Ia.) public library
Chicago (Ill.) public library.
Cleveland (O.) public library.
Curtis memorial library, Meriden, Conn.
Davenport (Ia.) public library.
Decatur (Ill.) public library.
Detroit (Mich.) public library.
District of Columbia (Washington) public library
Dubuque (Ia.) public library.
Duluth (Minn.) public library
DuQuesne (Pa.) Carnegie library
East Orange (N.J.) public library
Enoch Pratt free library, Baltimore
Evanston, (Ill.) public library
Gloversville (N.Y.) public library
Grand Rapids (Mich.) public library
Hartford (Conn.) public library
Haverhill (Mass.) public library
Helena (Mont.) public library
Hoboken (N.J.) public library
Illinois state historical society library, Springfield, Ill
Indiana library commission, Indianapolis, Ind
Iowa library commission, Des Moines, Ia.
J. Herman Bosler library, Carlisle, Pa.
Jersey City (N.J.) public library.
John Crerar library, Chicago, Ill
Kansas City (Mo.) public library
Lawrence (Mass.) public library.
Library company of Philadelphia.
Library of Congress, Washington.
Lincoln (Neb.) public library

Los Angeles (Cal.) public library.
Louisville (Ky.) public library.
Lynn (Mass.) public library.
Mankato (Minn.) public library.
Mercantile library, St. Louis.
Metropolitan museum of art library, N. Y.
Milton (Mass.) public library.
Milwaukee (Wis.) public library.
Minnesota library commission, St. Paul, Minn.
Nashville (Tenn.) public library.
Nebraska library commission, Lincoln.
Newark (N.J.) public library.
New Haven (Conn.) public library.
Newton (Mass.) public library.
New York public library.
Omaha (Neb.) public library.
Oregon library commission, Salem, Ore.
Ottawa (Can.) Carnegie library.
Ottumwa (Ia.) public library.
Patterson (N.J.) public library.
Pennsylvania home teaching society and free circulating library for the blind, Philadelphia, Pa.
Peoria (Ill.) public library.
Philadelphia library co.
Pittsburg (Pa.) public library.
Pratt institute library, Brooklyn.
Providence (R.I.) public library.
Quincy (Ill.) public library.
Rockford (Ill.) public library.
Rosenberg library, Galveston, Tex.
St. Louis public library.
Salem (Mass.) public library.
San Francisco (Cal.) public library.
Scranton (Pa.) public library.
Seattle (Wash.) public library.
Sedalia (Mo.) public library.
Sioux City (Ia.) public library.
Superior (Wis.) public library.
State historical society of Missouri, Columbia.
Toledo (O.) public library.
Toronto (Can.) public library.
Utica (N.Y.) public library.
Wilmington institute free library, Wilmington, Del.
Wilson, H. W., Minneapolis, Minn.
Wisconsin library commission, Madison, Wis.
Worcester (Mass.) free public library.

Committee Reports.

Administration Committee.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:

Gentlemen. Changes in the library staff during the year were as follows Miss Kerr returned to her duties from the library school in September, and Miss White, who had been filling her position, returned to school Richard Jameison was appointed a library messenger, taking the place of Charles Smith, resigned Increased use of the children's library necessitating additional force, and the substitutes having for a year been doing full time, Miss Elizabeth Hull was appointed substitute from the eligible list, she having taken the library examination Miss Mary Reichert, on application, was admitted to the library training class without pay

Illness among the members of the staff and their families quite seriously interfered with the work of the library at times The librarian has reported that as soon as the financial condition of the library will admit he will apply for a stenographer and business clerk. The members of this committee are of the opinion that it would be wise to create the position

Respectfully submitted,

C. P. CARGILL,
JAMES H McCORD,
W E WARRICK,
Administration Committee

St Joseph, Mo , May 1, 1907.

Library Committee.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library, St Joseph, Mo.

Gentlemen. As of greatest importance, the committee notes the net addition of 4,136 volumes for the fiscal year, making the total now in the library 38,219, with 5,748 volumes under its control in the school collection, or a total of 43,967.

In an effort to partially overcome the binding and replacement expenses, a large number of duplicates copies of standard story books for children and approved fiction for adults, in the best binding obtainable, were purchased While additions under these headings aggregated 34.7 per cent of the net increase for the year, expenditures were about 18⅔ per cent of the book account With these additions as noted, fiction and children's stories form 28 per cent of the volumes of the library at this time. With these volumes performing 66 per cent of the circulation, it may be seen why bindery and replacement expenses are so heavy As a distinct business proposition, the number of volumes should more nearly approximate use.

As heretofore, purchases were made under the governing rules of the Board.

Considering the steadily increasing circulation and library use, the books of the library are maintained in fairly good physical condition.

Increased attention is paid to reference and industrial works, which by their use, seem to meet with approval.

Respectfully submitted,
H. K. WHITE,
JAMES H. McCORD,
J. W. ATWILL,
St. Joseph, Mo., May 1,1907. Library Committee.

Finance Committee.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library.

Gentlemen: Your committee respectfully reports that it has examined the statement submitted by the Treasurer; that it shows the financial transactions of the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library, and checks with the books of the City Auditor.

As stated in our last annual report, the apportionment for the year was $15,500. $12,500 for the main library and $3,000 for Carnegie branch. Supplementary apportionments added to the main library account $120.68, and to Carnegie branch $6.26. Total library fund from the city, therefore, was $15,620.68. From the special library fund $500 was added, credited to the main library account. Total expenditures through the city to the account of the library, therefore, were $16,120.68; through the special library account, $672.96; or a grand total through all departments of $16,-799.90.

A communication was submitted to the Finance Committee and Comptroller of the city at the close of the city's fiscal year, asking an allowance for the main library of $13,500; for Carnegie branch proper, $3,000; for branch ground improvements, $500. The apportionment ordinance as introduced and passed allowed the main library $13,000 and the branch $3.000.

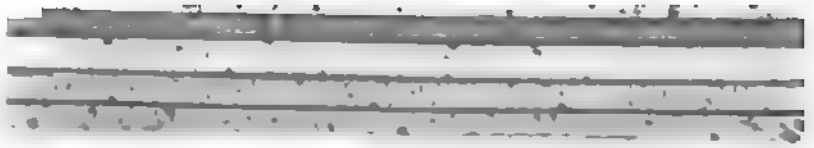
Respectfully submitted,
CHAS. A. PFEIFFER,
C. P. CARGILL,
DANIEL MORTON,
St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1907. Finance Committee.

Buildings and Grounds Committee.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library.

Gentlemen: As heretofore, all expenditures except those of little consequence, made under this committee, were by authority of the Board, and amounts may be seen under appropriate headings in the reports of the treasurer and librarian.

The Board of Education arranged new quarters for the children's library on the west side of the ground floor of the main library, on sugges-



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President's Letter Transmitting Reports.

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council of the City of St Joseph, Mo

Gentlemen. As required by law, I herewith transmit for your consideration the reports of the officers, committees and librarian of the Free Public Library, which, taken together, constitute the annual report of the Board of Directors for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1908.

The statistics submitted show the largest use in the history of the institution, and this is taken as an indication of appreciation of its value on the part of the public, as well as ability to meet more nearly than heretofore the demands made upon it Accessions for the year are the second largest since the library's inception, which notably increased its usefulness. The library now contains 42,311 vloumes, and cares for 6,413 volumes belonging to the school board. Total issue for home use was 200,478, an indicated use of six times for each volume in the library other than reference and school books

While efforts are not relaxed to serve the advanced student in literature, history, the arts or sciences, increased attention is given to the needs of the masses This is not only indicated by the purchases made but as well by the efforts to secure the attention of the general public and to demonstrate what is to be gained by library use.

To the Board of Education the City of St Joseph officially, and its citizens at large, are under renewed obligations for its contribution to library efficiency in the matter of greatly needed accommodations for the circulating department and for the renovation of the building While the School District and the city are represented by the same stockholders (tax payers) as it were, it is well to remember that the main building is not a city charge The interest shown by the School Board and its officers in liberal co operation in library matters is taken as appreciation of its value on broad educational lines

The need of at least two additional branches daily becomes more apparent. The use of two small experimental deposit stations demonstrates this The value of branch libraries in direct benefit to the neighborhood in which they may be located is shown by the branch in South St Joseph. The saving in time and car fare is not inconsiderable.

The action of the council in increasing the library apportionment to meet changes in the fixed expenses is appreciated

To the keen interest and activity of the librarian and staff much of the success of the work of the library may be attributed

Respectfully submitted,

J W ATWILL,

St Joseph, Mo, May 14, 1908. President Library Board.

Report of Treasurer.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:

Gentlemen: The statement herewith presents in detail the receipts and expenditures of the library for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1908, as required by law and the by-laws of the Library Board.

The amount apportioned for library expenses for the year was $16,000, $13,000 being for the main library and $3,000 for the branch. Credits to each account were slightly in excess of this, as is shown in the report of the Finance Committee.

As in previous reports, the statement covers all the receipts and expenditures of the library. Collections in this account are from the duplicate collection, penalties on over-due books, books lost and paid for, catalogs and supplements sold, and miscellaneous sources. Expenditures at the library from this account are reported monthly to the Library Board.

All expenditures through the city departments are accounted for in duplicate vouchers, approved by not less than two members of the Finance Committee, allowed by the Board, after which they are certified to by the President. Original vouchers are on file in the office of the city auditor, duplicates being retained in the office of the librarian.

Respectfully submitted,
CHAS. A. PFEIFFER, Treasurer.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1908.

STATE OF MISSOURI,
County of Buchanan. } ss.

Before me, Clara B. Davis, a notary public in and for the county aforesaid, personally appeared Charles A. Pfeiffer, Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library of the City of St. Joseph, and made oath that the facts and figures in his report are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Given under my hand and seal this 4th day of May, 1908.

CLARA B. DAVIS,
Notary Public.

(SEAL)

My commission expires June 1, 1910.

Main Library—General Account.

Receipts.

From city apportionment, 1907–08	$13,000.00	
Supplementary apportionment, 1908	163.22	
Deposit by Board Treasurer from special fund	480.00	$13,643.[illegible]

Disbursements.

By general warrants on city treasurer.			
Book account—Books	$ 3,345 78		
Periodicals	247 44		
Binding	1,552.78	$ 5,146.00	
Salaries, Librarian and assistants		6,935 25	
Heating and engineer		315 58	
Printing and stationery		224.44	
Janitor service		460.00	
Postage		40.00	
Furniture		201.65	
Telephone		42.00	
Electric light		27.50	
Catalog cards		62.02	
Library repairs		3.00	
Miscellaneous, inc. light and ice		185.78	$13,643.

Special Fund Account.

Receipts.

Brought forward in hands Board Treasurer	$ 343.58	
Brought forward in hands Librarian	18.54	
Received from duplicate collection	377.90	
Penalties	796.01	
Catalogs	5.20	
Supplements	2.45	
Miscellaneous	107.54	$ 1,651

Disbursements.

eposited in Gen'l fund by Board Treas.			
Main Library		$ 480.00	
eposited in Gen'l fund by Board Treas.			
Carnegie Branch		20.00	
aid special warrant No 2, periodicals		418.05	
y librarian:			
Freight and express	$ 89.78		
Postage	37.75		
Stationery	45.25		
Delivery stations	78.00		
iscellaneous	86.11	$ 336.89	
alances:			
In hands Board Treasurer	370.53		
In hands librarian	25.75	396.28	$ 1,651.22

Recapitulation.

Receipts.

om city apportionment, etc.	$13,643.22	
Special fund	1,151.22	$14,794.44

Disbursements.

y vouchers on city treasurer, general fund	$13,643.22	
y vouchers on special fund, periodicals	418.05	
y librarian	336.89	
alances:		
In hands Board Treasurer	370.53	
In hands Librarian	25.75	$14,794.44

Carnegie Branch.

Receipts.

om city apportionment, 1907-08	$ 3,000.00	
pplementary apportionment	71.23	
eposit by Board Treas. from special fund	20.00	$ 3,091.23

Disbursements.

By general warrant on city treasurer.

Book account.			
Books	$ 649.63		
Periodicals	124 76		
Binding	127.37	$ 901.76	
Salary librarians in charge		1,133.00	
Fuel		143.40	
Janitor		598.75	
Furniture		40.00	
Telephone		36.30	
Cards		15.00	
Light		55 45	
Printing and stationery		1.25	
Building repairs		45.08	
Postage		5.00	
Miscellaneous		116.24	$ 3,091.23

General Recapitulation.

Total Receipts.

Main library, general fund	$13,643.22	
Special fund	1,151 22	
Carnegie Branch, general fund	3,091.23	$17,885 67

Total Disbursements.

Main library, general fund	$13,643.22	
Special fund	754.94	
Carnegie Branch, general fund	3,091.23	$17,489.39
Balances		
In hands Board Treasurer	370.53	
In hands Librarian	25.75	$17,885 67

Carnegie Branch Building Fund.

Receipts.

Rec'd from Andrew Carnegie, Apr.-Oct , 1902	$25,000 00

Expenditures.

Heretofore reported	$24,806.74	
Completing walks, Dec 28, 1907	193.26	$25,000.00

Report of Librarian.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library.

Gentlemen: This report, presented in accordance with law, covers the operations of the library for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1908, the eighteenth year of its existence. The period covered is notable in several respects, as witnessing the largest use, satisfactory growth, the acquisition of much needed shelving, and renovation of the building. Further, that the value of the library to the public at large is becoming more generally recognized has been made apparent by the demands upon it. This is not the least satisfying of the results of the year.

Registration, Cards, Etc.

Registered card holders number 8,640, a gain of 387 for the year. These hold 12,931 cards, 312 of which were issued to teachers. This is an increase of 1,447, accounted for by an increase in the demand for the non-fiction (or extra) card, issued to any patron over eighteen years of age, or to any student in the high school.

Accessions, Contents of Libraries, Etc.

There are in the library, exclusive of the school supplementary reading department, 42,311 volumes, a gain of 4,092. School department contains 6,413, an increase of 665 volumes. Total number of volumes cared for and used by library, 48,724. The net growth of the library proper for ten years ending with this report was 27,452 volumes, 16,876 being added during the last five years.

Losses are somewhat less than last year. The inventory discloses 76 volumes missing, as compared with 85 one year ago. Six volumes reported unaccounted for in the last report were afterwards found, leaving the net loss by stealing at 79 volumes. Doubtless some of the books reported as missing this year will be found later.

An increased number of books are missing from the children's room. The report this year shows 31 volumes, or two-fifths of the entire loss, chargeable to this department. Last year but 25 volumes were so reported. Recommendations have been made to the Building and Grounds Committee for railings, the adoption of which, it is hoped, will permit a closer surveillance of users.

Nothing can be added to the statement of last year regarding the inadequacy of the library in the matter of books. For the last two years its percentage of growth, although greater than heretofore, has barely kept pace with the increased use, the outlook thus affording little hope of increasing the foundation stock. This is a matter of keenest regret, as until some-

thing is gained in this direction the library may hope to accomplish but a tithe of the work open to it The utter futility of attempting to satisfactorily serve over one hundred thousand progressive people with 42,300 volumes (including public documents) is so well recognized as to need little comment.

Circulation and Library Use.

Books issued for home use numbered 200,478, an increase of 16,763, or 9.12 per cent The statistical table herewith gives full details of circulation, including classes and departments It will be noted that a change has been made in reporting fiction Heretofore children's stories have been included under this heading Adult fiction formed 43.30 per cent of the entire circulation, children's stories 23 97 per cent As a basis of comparison, if reported as heretofore, it would show fiction and children's stories as being 67.2 per cent of entire circulation, an increase of three-fourths of one per cent The making of all new fiction 7-day books at the branch, the placing of duplicate pay collection there and the enlargement of the same department in the main library, offers a possible explanation for this increase. While approximately 200 titles in English fiction were added, a number were gifts and will not be replaced. One hundred and seventy-eight titles represent the addition to the permanent collection.

Every month of the year but October witnessed an increase, the decrease for that month being in the school department Notable gains occurred in the January-March period, coincident with the financial depression. This experience is probably true of the library world generally.

The circulation table offers proof of the value of close supervision of reading, especially as applied to younger readers In the school supplementary reading department, where the greatest care is exercised in the selection and use of books, less than 15 per cent were children's stories; in the school collection sent out from the library, in which the supervision is less strict, about 40 per cent of books issued were children's stories, while in the children's rooms of the library proper, which are crowded at certain hours, use of stories varies from 65 to 70 per cent. No stronger appeal for ample expert assistance in the children's room is possible. While every care is exercised in the selection of books, the individual child needs attention.

Other than a record of the number of volumes left upon the tables, no account is kept of library use. Indeed, it would be all but impossible to do so without an unnecessarily large stack room force. Volumes left upon tables numbered 25,843, an increase of 2,161 volumes No use is made of these figures in the regular library statistics.

Reference Department.

Of the total net growth of the library, 1,037 volumes, or 25 per cent, were placed in the reference collection. This includes government and state documents. In the bound periodical section the net growth was 506 volumes, a number of important sets being added in addition to the binding

of current volumes. Miss Perry, reference librarian, reports a constant increase in the demands for information and in the use of the reference collection. Club use grows steadily, practically every club in the city furnishing a copy of study program for advance preparation. Work with schools, and especially the high school, steadily assumes greater proportions. An increase in the use for business purposes is not least in importance. Lists prepared cover almost every imaginable topic. At times the capacity of the reference tables is seriously taxed. Not the smallest part of the work is that with educational institutions, clubs, and individuals in the surrounding country.

Children's Library.

Despite the establishment of two school collections, children's use of the library was greater than ever before. Miss McCoy, at the main library, reports the issue of 54,141 volumes, a gain of 2,111, while Miss Senter issued at the branch 9,807, being 1,498 in excess of last year. Total issue of children's books from the two departments was 63,948. Aggregate use of books by children was 85,166 volumes, 42.5 per cent of whole library use. School supplementary reading accounts for 19,117, and the school collections for 2,101. Total use five years ago was 24,710, a gain of 60,456. Work continues most satisfactorily along the lines outlined one year ago, strictly educational work receiving increased attention. A lack of proper reference books has interfered somewhat with the work in this department, and hopes are entertained that funds will speedily permit the correction of this.

Some difficulty has been experienced in meeting the demands in the section for the younger readers, created last year. There was a lack of suitable books, and a shortage in the supply. The latter condition could easily be met. As much cannot be said as to the former. The best titles are being constantly duplicated, but that does not meet all requirements.

Carnegie Branch.

From the report of Miss Lulu C. Senter, branch librarian, the following is taken:

Carnegie branch now contains 6,229 volumes, the number added during the year being 756. This includes those added by gift, by purchase, and seven transferred from the main library.

The reference department contains 1,091 volumes, the juvenile circulating department 1,361, and the adult circulating department 3,777. Ninety-one books were cancelled and withdrawn during the year. Of this number seven were missing last year, four were lost and paid for, eighteen were burned on account of contagious diseases, and 62 were worn out.

Total number of registrations for the year was 598, of which number 365 were new members and 233 renewals. Adults 315, children 283. One hundred and sixty-eight non-fiction cards were issued. Through people leaving town, death, and other causes, 18 cards were cancelled, making the number of cards now in use 1,397.

Number of books issued for home use for the year was 22,902 volumes, an increase of 5,129 volumes over last year. The percentage of fiction read remains the weak point, the figures for the year just past being a trifle higher than last year, 72.81 being the per cent of this year, whereas last year it was 72.11 This may be ascribed largely to making all new adult fiction 7-day books, and to diminished use of non-fiction cards as the novelty has worn off

There have been 245 volumes added to the children's section, making a total now in this department of 1,438 Number of books circulated, 8,953; 43 per cent of the entire circulation. Sixty-three per cent of the juvenile reading was fiction During the winter months a glance into the children's room after school hours never failed to convince a visitor that the children fully appreciate the privileges of the library

Work done in the reference department continues to be very satisfactory. A number of important books have been added to the shelves, and we find ourselves better able from month to month to give information to those in search of it The pupils of the public schools and especially those of the high school and the Benton school are availing themselves more and more of the opportunities it offers for assistance in their school work. Great use is made of the bound magazines, as these furnish the simplest and most satisfactory means of doing reference work Several titles were added to the current magazines

Library and School.

The school supplementary reading collection, provided at the expense of the school district and maintained as a library charge, under Miss Fife, now number 6,143 volumes, the net increase for the year being 665 volumes; 510 volumes were transferred to schools, worn out or lost and paid for Issues numbered 19,117, being 1,163 more than the year before In many of the schools each book is used by several pupils, so that the issue does not represent the actual use

In an attempt to reach children who are not patrons of the library, and to relieve the rush on the children's room, two small school libraries were installed in March, one of one hundred and eighty-two volumes being placed in the Humboldt school, and one of one hundred and thirty-four volumes in the Floyd school, the first in the better portion of the city, the second in the poorer For the two months in which this department has been tried, Humboldt school issued 1,555 volumes and the Floyd school 546 volumes, or an average issue for the two schools of seven times for each volume School libraries were formerly sent out, but the inability of the library to properly supply the children who came to it for books caused their abandonment With increased resources the experiment was renewed with results as stated Additional schools will be supplied the coming fall.

The usual demands of the schools have been met by Miss McCoy; lists of books and references being furnished on many topics required by teachers.

For some months an alphabetically arranged list of contents of the edu-

cational periodicals received by the library has been compiled, carbon or mimeograph copies made, two of which were placed in each school of the city, the idea being that they be used as bulletins on each floor. To this was appended a list of titles of new books of interest to teachers currently received. This has had the co-operation of the school authorities, and the use indicates the appreciation of the teachers. "It is a saver of time and a great convenience," reports one principal.

With high school students the most important work is, as heretofore, that done by the reference department. Instructors are permitted to draw extra books for use in the class rooms. A growing use of the library by students is noted. Lack of table space occasionally hampers best work, as at the present time, when each student is required to prepare an essay in the forestry competition originated by the Runcie Club. The crowds at times are larger than can be accommodated.

The Library and Mechanics.

Continued efforts to interest mechanics in the use of the library have been productive of only fairly satisfactorily results. Use of periodicals relating to the industrial arts has gained rapidly, following a largely increased use of the reading room by men. This is especially noticeable on Sunday afternoons. In addition to the shop mailing list for the quarterly bulletin, special lists for plumbers and engineers were compiled, printed and circulated through the aid of the City Plumbing and Engineering Boards; for packing house and meat inspection workers, and distributed in the packing district. Advantage was taken of the publication in the A. L. A. Booklist of "Some industrial arts books," compiled by this library, to secure 1,000 copies as separates for distribution in the shops, stations, and from the library. This list included electricity in general, paints and painting, cement, tin and metal work, carpentry and woodworking, tools and mechanics, iron and steel, as well as the plumbing and steam users lists referred to. A traveling library containing books of especial interest to foundry workers is in its third foundry. No record of the use of the books has been kept, but, with one exception, interest was created where shown and used. Personal visits were made by the librarian to a number of the largest machine shops at the noon hour and short talks made regarding the library and its use. While the rate of increase for the year in the use of the entire library was a little over 9 per cent, that recorded for useful arts was about 22.5 per cent. This looks most interesting when thus stated, but it is not nearly so impressive when it is known that this 22.5 per cent represents 572 volumes, or five volumes a year for 114 men. It is making steady headway, however, in a most satisfactory direction.

The first report of the library showing the issue of useful arts books was that of 1897, when the number was reported at 370 volumes. Six years later (1903) this number had grown to 785, since which time the use has steadily increased, use by years being as follows: 1904, 1,033; 1905, 1,446; 1906, 1,985; 1907, 2,557; 1908, 3,132. Transposed into percentage, the in-

increase in the use of this department in eleven years assumes the formidable figure of 850 per cent, as against somewhat less than 100 per cent for the entire library. This use has been the result of library efforts only. In the absence of trade and manual training schools, progress in encouraging the use of mechanical books has been necessarily slow. With the advent of manual training in the schools, now firmly established, it should be less difficult in the future to induce younger mechanics to use the library. Students are trained to use the library, and there are hopes that the habits thus formed will continue.

Publications.

In addition to the library bulletin, issued quarterly, containing the most important accessions, with some library notes on occasion, publications included a live stock and packing house list, issued and used in connection with the live stock show last fall; a list for plumbers, and one for engineers and steam users, mentioned elsewhere. The A. L. A. Booklist for February contained a list of books under the heading, "Some industrial arts books of popular use in the Public Library, St. Joseph, Mo." This was compiled in this library for publication as separates here, its use being granted the Booklist on request. One thousand copies were purchased and distributed in the shops of St. Joseph.

With the suspension of the periodical, "What's in the magazines," the library undertook to list, for library use, the most important articles in the leading periodicals. Separate compilations were made covering "Religious topics," "For Business Men," "Arts and crafts," "For Women," "Literature and fine arts." Copies were regularly placed in the reading rooms, open shelf stack room, and furnished the daily newspapers. The News-Press published them each month as of interest to its readers.

Duplicate Collection.

Duplicate copies of popular fiction were issued 7,558 times, receipts therefrom being $377.90. Two hundred and sixty-eight volumes were added to the collection during the year at a cost of $263.12. One hundred and sixty-four volumes were transferred to the free collection.

Reading Rooms.

Two hundred and fifty-three periodicals are received at the main library reading rooms, 52 of which are gifts. There is a constant growth in the use of the rooms, that by men on Sundays and evenings being most noticeable. In the selection of magazines an attempt is made to provide for the needs of the community.

Assembly Room Use.

The assembly room on the second floor of the library building, while under control of the school board, is cared for at the partial expense of the

library. In addition to being used for a lage number of teachers' meetings, certain school classes, etc., the arts and crafts committee of the Civic Federation of woman's clubs gave its first exhibit here, drawing large crowds. Miss Sherwood's course of six lectures on story telling to children were well attended. The room is also used for the regular meetings of the children's play ground association, the Kindergarten association, Daughters of the Revolution, County teachers' meetings, and meetings of like nature. Here were shown the collection of paintings of the Western artists' association, brought to the city by the Runcie Club, for one week, and the Turner collection of prints. Each exhibit was visited by several thousand people.

The Neely Memorial.

As a memorial to the late Prof. Edward Bayly Neely, superintendent of the public schools of St. Joseph from 1864 to 1894, there was placed in the public library building a bronze bust, heroic size, on a marble base. The securing of funds and selection of artist was the work of the teachers in the schools. Appropriate exercises were held in the assembly room on the date of its unveiling, March 28. The bust occupies a place of prominence in the east alcove.

Bindery.

Binding expenses were $1,680.15, representing 3,850 volumes bound, 595 of which were periodicals. Average cost per volume, 43.6. Of the total bound, 344 were for the branch, 44 being periodicals.

General Extension Work.

The library has endeavored to supplement the work undertaken by any society, organization or committee interested in the public welfare by the preparation of reading lists on the matters or questions under consideration. In a number of instances the persons starting the movement have acknowledged the benefit of the assistance thus rendered. In addition to copies of such lists for bulletin board use in the library, copies were also furnished to all persons interested, and to the local newspapers. The most important lists were as follows:

"Tuberculosis; its prevention and cure," for the Anti-Tuberculosis league of the Buchanan County Medical association; "How to tell stories to children," and "Some stories to tell," for the Sherwood lectures before the teachers; "Arts and crafts—In general," "Bookbinding," "Bent-iron work," "Leather working," "Pyrography," "Stencils and Stenciling," "Pictures," for the arts and crafts exhibition; "Poultry," for the exhibition of the fine poultry association; "Dogs," for the Dog show association; "Children's Playground," for the St. Joseph Playgrounds association.

Two reading lists which have been of more than general interest, and which will grow in use before the fall elections, cover two important constitutional amendments to be voted upon at the November election, "Initiative and Referendum," and "Taxation." Each list has been used by

several men's clubs, and when it is realized that the proposed amendments make radical changes in state government an increased interest will follow, both as to the questions and the lists

For its annual receptions the Y W C A requested the co-operation of the library. For the "Current Events" classes a bulletin board loaned by the library showed illustrations of events of interest studied; for the literary classes, the books used by the members in their studies were on display, and in the domestic science department alongside the cakes, bread, and other edibles, were shown the books recommended and used by the instructor and the class

Not a little attention has been given the collection of city charters in an effort to make the library of assistance in the matter of municipal legislation now before the people, and the collection includes the laws governing the progressive cities of the country The resources of the library have been placed at the disposal of the committees interested Acknowledgement is made to Mr. C B Roden, of the Chicago Public Library, for a copy of the proceedings of the Chicago Charter Convention and the resultant bill, and to Hon W E Spratt, retiring mayor, for interest shown and assistance given

A gratifying use has been made of the special collection on packing house, meat inspection and live stock books in Carnegie Branch Examinations for appointments under the U S Bureau of Animal Industry as meat inspectors, etc, have resulted unusually favorable to users of this collection.

In General.

Sunday users of the Library numbered 15,664, the branch being credited with 4,401 Of the total, 4,850 were children The number of volumes issued on Sundays was 10,273, 2,462 being from branch By departments the circulation was as follows Adult, main, 4,120, branch, 1,311, juvenile, main, 3,691; branch, 1,151 The main library was open but fifty-one Sundays, on account of failure of gas for heat

Volumes issued through the delivery stations, which continue as heretofore, numbered 6,190, a slight increase for the year.

Through the exchange department of the Library of Congress, a number of valuable books have been received Among these were desirable state reports

In addition to keeping all new accessions classified and cataloged, Misses Martin and Kerr have made progress in some classification changes and in the reorganization of the card catalogue In addition to 4,135 cards, from the Library of Congress and 2,107 other printed cards, 4,374 cards were typewritten Total cards filed, 10,916

Issue of books for the vacation period, June 15 to Sept 15, inaugurated last year, was appreciated, and the privilege will be taken advantage of more generally in the future

The newspapers of the city, recognizing the news value of library matters,

have been most liberal in the matter of space. All local papers are received as gifts of the publishers.

Instead of collections of books for the fire department houses, special cards are issued to each hose house, on which books are issued for a period of one month. This permits of personal selection and gives satisfaction.

The library was represented at the meeting of the American library association at Ashville, N. C., in June, by the librarian, and at the Missouri library association meeting at Warrensburg in October, by two members of the staff; at the joint meeting of the Iowa and Nebraska library association at Omaha and Council Bluffs in October, unofficially. It is represented on the Missouri Library Commission through appointment by the governor of the librarian, who has served as its president since its organization.

In a general way the foregoing represents what has been accomplished, in two buildings, at a total expenditure of $17,489.39.

The usual tables accompany and form a part of this report: I, Library statistics; II, Expenditure; III, Circulation; IV, Donors and Donations; V, Library exchanges.

To the staff acknowledgement is made for interested and painstaking efforts, and to the library board for consideration at all times.

Respectfully submitted,

PURD B. WRIGHT,

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1908. Librarian.

STATE OF MISSOURI, }
County of Buchanan. } ss.

Before me, Clara B. Davis, a notary public in and for the county aforesaid, personally appeared Purd B. Wright, Librarian of the Free Public Library of the City of St. Joseph, Mo., and made oath that the facts and figures submitted are correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

CLARA B. DAVIS,

(SEAL) Notary Public.

My commission expires June 1, 1910.

I—Library Statistics.

Book Account.

Number of volumes reported April 30, 1907 ...			38,219
Additions for fiscal year			
By purchase	3,533		
By transfer from duplicate collection	164		
By periodicals bound	529		
By donations	486		
By increase in duplicate collection (353)	134	4,846	
Withdrawals.			
Worn out, burned, etc	606		
Lost or damaged and paid for	52		
Lost and not paid for	17		
Unaccounted for	79	754	4,092
Number of volumes now in library			42,311

School Supplemental Reading Department.

Number of volumes reported April 30, 1907			5,748
Additions for fiscal year		1,175	
Worn out, lost, etc	66		
Transferred to schools	444	510	
Net increase for year			665
Number of volumes in school collection			6,413
Number of volumes in library, inc. school col.			48,724

Accessions and Withdrawals Classified.

Class	Accessions	Withdrawals	Net Gain
General	154	9	145
Philosophy	35	3	32
Religion	113	5	108
Sociology (inc. pub docs.)	520	11	509
Language	62	17	45
Natural science	143	11	132
Useful arts	379	12	367
Fine arts	237	4	233
Literature	240	42	198
Travel	214	17	197
Biography	146	29	117
History	260	21	239
Periodicals, R. L.	529	23	506
Children's stories	694	213	481
Fiction	986	337	649
Duplicate collection	301	167	234
Total	5013	921	4092

II—Expenditures of Library.

Book account:		General fund	Special fund		Total
Books.....	$3,995.41			$3,995.41	
Periodicals. .	372.50		$418.05	790.55	
Binding.....	1,680.15	$ 6,047.76		1,680.15	$ 6,465.81
Salaries.....		8,068.25			8,068.25
Heat. and eng...		458.98			458.98
Janitor service..		1,058.75			1,058.75
Print. and sta..		225.69	45.25		270.94
Postage.....		45.00	37.75		82.75
Repairs.....		48.08			48.08
Furniture.		241.65			241.65
Telephone.....		78.30			78.30
Elec. light.....		82.95			82.95
Cards.....		77.02			77.02
Miscellaneous..		302.02	86.11		388.13
Fght. & exp..			89.78		89.78
Deliv. sta....			78.00		78.00
Total.....		$16,734.45	$754.94		$17,489.39

Library Receipts and Disbursements.

Receipts.

Brought forward	$ 18.54	
From duplicate collection	377.90	
Penalties on overdue books	796.01	
Catalogs	5.20	
Supplements	2.45	
Miscellaneous, including books damaged, lost and paid for, etc	107.54	$1,307.64

Disbursements.

Deposited credit Secretary-Treasurer	$945.00	
Incidental expenses:		
Freight and express	89.78	
Postage	37.75	
Stationery	45.25	
Delivery stations expenses	78.00	
Miscellaneous	86.11	
Forward	25.75	$1,307.64

III—Circulation.

CLASS	Main Library		Carnegie Branch		School Collection	School Deposits	Total	Per Cent.
	Adult	Children	Adult	Children				
General	1668	421	16	7			2112	1 [illegible]
Philosophy	865	23	73				959	[illegible]
Religion	1175	455	109	32	312	34	2117	1 [illegible]
Sociology	1288	889	112	131	392	64	2791	1.39
Language	134	1792	11	369	6794	15	8108	4.04
Natural sciences	978	1681	184	543	2164	206	5758	2.87
Useful arts	2270	392	181	69	8	12	3132	1 [illegible]
Fine arts	1842	681	101	198			2822	1 [illegible]
Literature	4546	1600	498	452	2262	70	9723	4.[illegible]
Travel	2554	3411	275	663	1312	365	8700	4.39
Biography	2062	1608	208	286	1443	79	5683	2.83
History	2464	3807	584	723	2196	398	9541	4 [illegible]
Current magazines	3995	70	119				4184	2.[illegible]
Children's stories		27841		6314	2983	968	48046	23 [illegible]
Fiction	76448		10362				86810	43 [illegible]
TOTAL	102217	54141	13095	9607	19117	2101	200478	100.00

Summary and General Statistics.

Number of days open, 359

Number of Sundays open, 51 (1 30 to 6 30 p m)

Average daily issue, 558; increase, 33

Average secular daily issue, 618, increase, 54

Average Sunday issue, 201, increase, 54

Largest issue in one day, Main Library, Feb 15, 1908, 943

Smallest issue in one day, Main Library, Sept 26, 1907, 236

Largest issue in one day, Carnegie Branch, Dec 2, 1907, 136

Smallest issue in one day, Carnegie Branch, July 18, 1907, 22

Largest total issue, one month, March, 1908, 21,294; increase, 2,514

Smallest total issue, one month, Sept , 1907, 11,990, increase, 1,278.

Circulation· Adult, 115,312, children, 85,166, total, 200,478 Increase, 16,763.

Number of card-holders, 8,640; increase, 387 Cards outstanding, 12,931; increase, 1,447

Expenditures, $17,489 39.

Circulation per attendant, 19,093 (inc one-half time of substitute)

Proportion of salaries to total expenditures, 46 7 per cent

Proportion of expenditures to book account, 36.96 per cent

Cost of circulation per volume circulated to payroll, .0323; to total expenditures, .0872

IV—Donors and Donations.

	Vols.	Pamp.
& Hyatt	14	....
, Thomas Willing, Philadelphia	1	....
n Club	1	....
n, Mrs. Sarah K., Cleveland, O	1	....
n Book Co	....	1
ınan County Horticultural Society	45	....
:d, Rev. Henry	18	....
gie Institute, Pittsburg, Pa	1	....
gie Foundation for the Advancement of teaching	2	....
·, James Coolidge by Lewis Cass Ledyard for Execu'rs	1	....
e Printing Co	23	....
la—Census and Statistics Office	1	....
la—Department of Agriculture	2	....
, F. A	....	10
y, Dr. C. H	....	1
Church of Christ, Scientist	3	....
s Historical Society, Springfield, Ill	2	....
—State Library Commission	1	....
h Lodge No. 73, I. O. B. B	3	....
ıs State Historical Society	7	....
, Clyde	1	....
ey Directory Co., N. Y	1	....
ry of Congress	6	....
y, C. N	3	....
n, Misses Martina and Eudora	66	100
Miss Eda	24	....
uri School for Blind, St. Louis, Mo	4	....
uri—State Departments	30	....
nal Assn. of Manufacturers, N. Y	1	....
State) Legislature. Committee of 1906 to investigate ondition of the blind	1	....
(state) education department	2	....
Irs. Florence	3	....
ım, Harry L	31	....
seph, Mo.—Building department	2	....
uis Public Library	1	1
l District of St. Joseph	2	....
d Church of Christ, Scientist	3	....
, Mr. Calvin, Kansas City, Mo	2	....
sonian Institute	4	....
t, William E	8	....

Tootle, Mr. Harry	5	
Turner, G A H, St Louis Mo	4	
U. S Departments	48	60
Superintendent of Documents	94	824
University of Chicago Press	1	
University of Missouri	24	
Washington University association, St Louis, Mo.	1	
Wheeler, W. W.	3	
Willson, James K.	1	
Wright, P. B.	2	

Library Exchanges.

(Including Reports or Bulletins, or both.)

Allegheny (Pa.) public library.
Atlanta (Ga.) Carnegie library.
Berkshire (Mass.) Athenaeum and Museum.
Bradford (Pa.) public library.
Brooklyn (N.Y.) public library.
Buffalo (N.Y.) public library.
Carthage (Mo.) public library.
Cary Library, Lexington, Mass.
Cedar Rapids, (Ia.) public library.
Chicago (Ill.) public library.
Cleveland (O.) public library.
Council Bluffs (Ia.) public library.
Davenport (Ia.) public library.
Dayton (O.) public library.
Decatur (Ill.) public library.
Detroit (Mich.) public library.
District of Columbia (Washington) public library.
Duluth (Minn.) public library.
Dubuque (Ia.) Carnegie-Stout library.
DuQuesne (Pa.) Carnegie library.
Easton (Pa.) free public library.
East Orange (N.J.) free public library.
Enoch Pratt free library, Baltimore.
Erie (Pa.) public library.
Evanston, (Ill.) public library.
Forbes Library, Northampton, Mass.
Gloversville (N.Y.) public library.
Grand Rapids (Mich.) public library.
Hartford (Conn.) free public library.
Haverhill (Mass.) public library.
Helena (Mont.) public library.
Illinois State Historical Society, Springfield, Ill.
Indiana library commission, Indianapolis, Ind.
Iowa library commission, Des Moines, Ia.
J. Herman Bosler library, Carlisle, Pa.
Jersey City (N.J.) public library.
John Crerar library, Chicago, Ill.
Kansas City (Mo.) public library.
Lawrence (Mass.) public library.
Library of Congress, Washington.
Lincoln (Neb.) public library.
Los Angeles (Cal.) public library.
Louisville (Ky.) public library.
Lynn (Mass.) public library.

Mercantile library, St. Louis
Milton (Mass.) public library
Milwaukee (Wis.) public library
Minnesota library commission, St Paul, Minn
Nashville (Tenn.) public library.
Nebraska library commission, Lincoln.
Newark (N.J.) public library.
New Haven (Conn.) public library.
New Jersey library commission, Trenton, N. J.
Newton (Mass.) public library.
Ohio State Library, Columbus, O
Omaha (Neb.) public library
Oregon library commission, Salem, Ore
Ottawa (Can.) Carnegie library.
Patterson (N J.) public library.
Peabody Institute, Danvers, Mass.
Peoria (Ill.) public library.
Perkins Institute and Mass. school for blind, Boston, Mass.
Pittsburg (Pa.) Carnegie library.
Pratt institute library, Brooklyn.
Providence (R.I.) public library
Quincy (Ill.) public library.
Rockford (Ill.) public library.
Rosenberg library, Galveston, Tex.
St. Louis (Mo.) public library.
Salem (Mass.) public library.
San Antonio (Tex.) free public library
San Francisco (Cal.) public library
Scranton (Pa.) public library.
Seattle (Wash.) public library.
Sedalia (Mo.) free public library
Sioux City (Ia.) public library
Superior (Wis.) public library
State historical society of Missouri, Columbia
Toledo (O.) public library
Toronto (Can.) public library.
Trenton (N. J.) free public library
Tyler (Tex.) free public library
University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill
Virginia State library, Richmond, Va
Washington University association, St Louis, Mo
Western reserve university library school, Cleveland, O
Wilmington institute free library, Wilmington, Del
Wilson, H W, Minneapolis, Minn
Winsor (Can.) public library
Wisconsin library commission, Madison, Wis.
Worcester (Mass.) free public library.

Committee Reports.

Administration Committee.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library.

Gentlemen: Changes in the library staff were as follows: The resignation of Miss Annie Knight as general assistant was followed by the promotion of Miss Elizabeth Hull from the substitute class, Miss Mary Reichert being appointed substitute after competitive examination. Richard Jameison resigned as messenger, Leon Lyddon being appointed. Miss Carolyn Gregory served as stenographer for one month, a position created in November. Miss Clara B. Davis succeeded her.

Respectfully submitted,

C. P. CARGILL,
JAS. H. McCORD,
W. E. WARRICK,
Administration Committee.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1908.

Library Committee.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library.

Gentlemen: While the use of the library for the year just closed was the largest in its history, its growth was also in a high degree satisfactory when its financial resources are considered.

It is a pleasure to report fewer books missing from the shelves than last year, possibly occasioned by more strict supervision at the library desk. It is a regrettable fact that the losses from the children's room continue. On account of the crowds and rushes at times in this department (the greatest use occurring from 3 to 5:30 p. m.) it is impossible, with the force at hand, to exercise the necessary watchfulness, and thefts are committed with little fear of detection. A rearrangement of the room is under consideration which will permit a more close watch than heretofore, and an improvement in this respect is confidently expected in the future.

With the exception of the volumes in the alcove for the use of the youngest readers, the books of the library are in good physical condition. The department named was an experiment, and the unexpectedly large use to which the books therein were subjected explains their condition, as well as the necessity for establishing it.

While efforts have continued to meet the legitimate wants of patrons and keep the departments of the library balanced, special attention has been given to building up and encouraging those sections devoted to what, in library science, is called "Useful arts" and "Sociology," the first including medicine and hygiene, engineering, agriculture, domestic economy, commerce, chemistry, manufactures, trades and building; the latter covering

political science and economy, law, government, education, etc Additions in these two classes in the library proper were in excess of 20 per cent of the whole.

The Bulletin of the library, published quarterly, gave lists of most important accessions other than periodicals All purchases were made under Board regulations.

Respectfully submitted,

H. K. WHITE,
J. H. McCORD,
J W ATWILL,
Library Committee

St Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1908.

Finance Committee.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library.

Gentlemen: This committee has examined the statement submitted by the Treasurer, and finds it correct It checks with the books of the city auditor, and with the records in the office of the Librarian

In lieu of the amount allowed under the law, the city council apportioned $16,000.00 for library purposes, $13,000.00 for the main library and $3,000 00 for Carnegie Branch. A subsequent apportionment added $234 45 to the library fund, $163 22 for main library, and $71 23 for the branch By order of the Library Board, the Board treasurer deposited with the city treasurer, from the petit collections, $480 00 for main library and $20 00 for the branch The total expenditure through all the city departments were $13,642 22, main library, and 3,091.23 for branch, or $16,734 45 for both Expenditures from the petit account at the library were: Periodicals, $418 05, miscellaneous, $336 89 $754 94 Total expenditures through all departments aggregated $17,489 39

For the fiscal year 1908 09, an itemized statement was submitted to the council, the total asked for being, $14,797 00 for the main library and $3,000 00 for the branch Despite the showing made, the apportionment ordinance, introduced in the council April 27, carried only the amount apportioned for the current year. In council the ordinance was amended, $1,000 00 being added to the library account On account of additional building expenses, an increase was imperative, that library work be not seriously hampered

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS A PFEIFFER,
C P CARGILL,
DANIEL MORTON,
Finance Committee

St Joseph, Mo, May 1, 1908

Buildings and Grounds Committee.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library.

Gentlemen: Expenditures under this committee were all authorized by the Board, and are shown under appropriate headings in the report of the Treasurer.

Grounds surrounding Carnegie Library are gradually assuming a very attractive appearance. The park commissioners, to whose care the Library Board turned over the grounds, constructed sidewalks last fall, $250.00 of the expenditure being, by agreement, chargeable to the library funds. Of this, $193.26 was in the Andrew Carnegie fund reserved for the purpose, $56.74 being added from the regular funds.

The building in which is quartered the library, title and econtrol of which is in the School District of St. Joseph (usually designated as the School Board) has been greatly improved. As reported last year, an estimate for new shelving for the stack room was included in the bond issue and contract awarded. The shelving was installed in the early winter, which permitted the rearrangement of the books in a manner gratifying to library patrons. The question of shelf space for books is thus relegated to the future.

In addition to the improvements noted, the School Board also had the tile roof on the building relaid, thus stopping annoying leaks. The walls and ceilings of the rotunda, stack room, reading room, office and cataloging room on the first floor and all on the second floor were repainted. As a result, the library building presents a most inviting appearance, a fact greatly appreciated by the public, and affords room for library expansion.

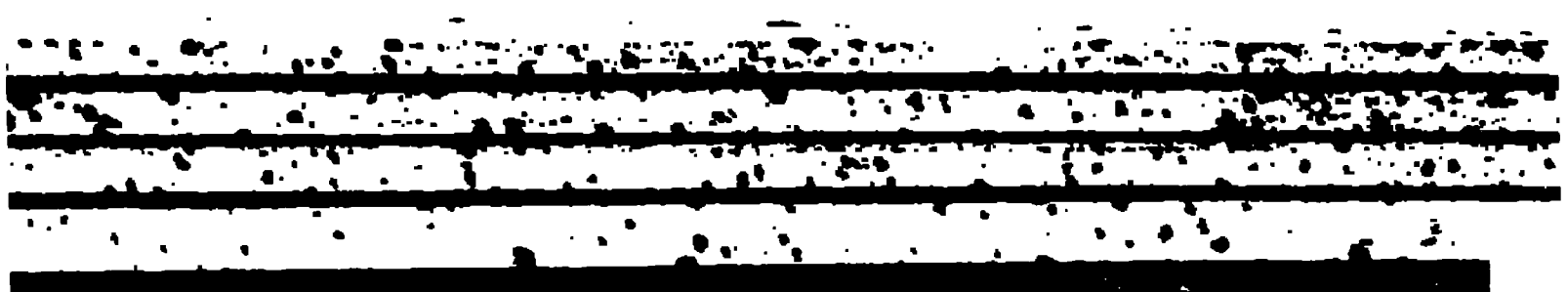
Expenditures of the School Board aggregated approximately $11,000.00, nearly as much on the building alone as the city expended for growth and maintenance of the main library proper. It indicates an appreciation of the educational value of the library and its work which might be emulated by the city authorities.

Minor repairs only were required at the Carnegie Branch. During the coming year the interior walls should be retinted and the outside walls repointed.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY BULLARD,
W. E. WARRICK,
G. D. CARTMELL,
Buildings and Grounds Committee

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1908.



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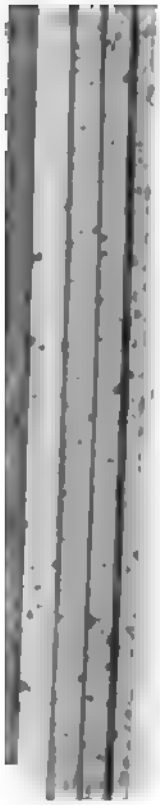

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City of St. Joseph, Mo.

Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 1909

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COMMITTEES

LIBRARY—McCord, Atwill, Bullard.
ADMINISTRATION—Cargill, Warrick, Pfeiffer.
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS—Warrick, Cartmell, Penny.
FINANCE—Pfeiffer, Cargill, Cartmell.
BY-LAWS—Pfeiffer, Cargill, Bernstein.
ART—Mcord, Bullard, Penny.
LECTURE—Bullard, Pfeiffer, Bernstein.

LIBRARY STAFF

BRARIAN—Purd B. Wright.
SSISTANT LIBARAIAN—Lulu C. Senter, in charge Carnegie Branch.
SSISTANTS: *Annie M. Perry, Lillian C. Kerr, reference; Eudora Martin, **Lillian C. Kerr, **Mary L. Reichert, cataloging; Bessie McCoy, children's room, main library; Jessie M. Gibson, Jennie K. Willson, desk; Anise Sandford, Elizabeth Hull, general; Joseph Mann, Leon Lyddon, messengers; Elizabeth Albus, substitute; Clara B. Davis, office stenographer.
ARNEGIE BRANCH: Lulu C. Senter, librarian in charge; Elizabeth Hull, substitute; W. A. McCamy, janitor.

Died Jan. 5, 1909.
*Promoted Jan. 14, 1909.
**Resigned June, 1908; vacancy filled by reappointment of Chas. A. Pfeiffer.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER TRANSMITTING REPORTS

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council of the City of St. Joseph, Mo.:

Gentlemen—In transmitting to you the annual report of the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library, comprising the reports of the treasurer, committees, and librarian, I desire to express the appreciation of its members for consideration in the matter of appropriations made by you for the maintenance of the library. The promptness and broad spirit shown by you in co-operating with Mr. Carnegie, the people of North St. Joseph, and the library board in providing for an extension of library facilities through a second branch to be located in the northern part of the city, was a source of gratification to all friends of education.

The belief that our citizens approve the efforts to furnish books of value for study and recreation is strengthened by the steadily increasing patronage of the already popular institution. It is the desire to provide books in convenient reach of every person, and when the system already outlined in general is carried out, this will have been accomplished. This cannot be done in a short time, and certainly not until the revenues of the city warrant the support of additional branches. But this is a consummation much to be desired.

Your attention is called to the reports herewith, as affording full details of the operations of the library. Worthy of special attention are the statistics in the report of the librarian showing a five years' growth of the library. It presents some encouraging features, and bears out the statement so frequently made to you that each increase in library revenue made by the council is immediately met by a greater increase in use. This gain was 20 per cent larger than the gain in revenue for five years just ended, a fact to be remembered as emphasizing the importance of library work and the place it fills in the community.

Home use of books was 203,005 during the year, and the working growth of the library was satisfactory to those responsible therefor.

In another year we expect to present an additional feature in the new Washington Park branch, the building for which was presented through the munificence of Mr. Carnegie. The providing of an attractive site by the city, and an additional fund of $2,800 by the people interested, is entitled to recognition.

The St. Joseph Free Public Library, although of comparatively recent establishment, is accorded a high place among progressive working

libraries. Thanks for this are in a large measure due to the tactfulness, energy and industry of the librarian and the members of the library staff.

Very truly,

G. W. ATWILL,

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1909. President Library Board.

REPORT OF TREASURER

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:

Gentlemen: I submit with this a statement showing the receipts and disbursements by departments of the library for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1909, as required by law.

For the year, $17,000 was apportioned by the Council for library purposes. Of this, $14,000 was for the main library, and $3,000 for Carnegie branch. Excess collections were credited each account, as shown in the statement and by the report of the Finance Committee.

Included in the report is the petty account of library collections and expenditures, called the special fund. Collections in this account are from the duplicate collection, penalties on overdue books, books lost and paid for, catalogs and supplements sold, and miscellaneous sources. Expenditures at the library from this account are reported monthly to the Library Board.

All expenditures through the city departments are accounted for in duplicate vouchers, approved by not less than two members of the Finance Committee, allowed by the Board, after which they are certified to by the President. Original vouchers are on file in the office of the city auditor, duplicates being retained in the office of the librarian.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. A. PFEIFFER,

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1909. Treasurer.

STATE OF MISSOURI, }
COUNTY OF BUCHANAN. } ss.

Before me, Clara B. Davis, a notary public in and for the county aforesaid, personally appeared Charles A. Pfeiffer, Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library of the City of St. Joseph, and made oath that the facts and figures in his report are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Given under my hand and seal this 10th day of May, 1909.

CLARA B. DAVIS,

(SEAL) Notary Public.

My commission expires June 1, 1910.

MAIN LIBRARY

General Account.

Receipts.

From city apportionment, 1908-9	$14,000 00	
Excess collections	358 52	$14,358 52

Disbursements.

By general warrants on city treasurer:			
Book account—Books	$3,167 44		
Periodicals	305 87		
Binding	1,570 06	5,043 31	
Salaries, staff		7,386 99	
Heat and engineer		336 88	
Janitors		465 00	
Printing and stationery		317 30	
Postage		32 00	
Repairs		40 00	
Insurance		7 50	
Furniture		358 05	
Telephone		42 00	
Electric light		64 04	
Cards		92 90	
Miscellaneous		172 49	$14,358 52

SPECIAL FUND ACCOUNT.

Receipts.

Brought forward in hands Board Treasurer	$ 370 53	
Brought forward in hands Librarian	25 75	
Received from duplicate collection	368 30	
Penalties on overdue books	837 71	
Catalogs	3 05	
Supplements	2 65	
Miscellaneous	134 24	$ 1,742 23

Disbursements.

Paid by special warrant No. 4, periodicals		400 00	
Paid by special warrant No 5, one-half cost electric cleaner		137 50	
By librarian:			
Freight and express	$ 102 30		
Postage	35 83		
Stationery	40 95		
Delivery station expenses	80 00		
Miscellaneous	74 34	333 42	
Balances			
In hands Board Treasurer		848 03	
In hands Librarian		23 28	$ 1,743

Recapitulation.

Receipts.

From city apportionment, etc.	$14,358 52	
Special fund	1,742 23	$16,100

Disbursements.

By vouchers on city treasurer, general fund	$14,358 52	
By vouchers on special fund	537 50	
By librarian	333 42	
Balances.		
In hands Board Treasurer	843 03	
In hands Librarian	23 28	$16,100

CARNEGIE BRANCH.

Receipts.

From city apportionment, 1908 09	$ 3,000 00	
Excess collections	95 63	$ 3,09

Disbursements.

By general warrant on city treasurer:			
Book account—Books	$ 543 44		
Periodicals	106 50		
Binding	198 78	$ 848 72	
Salary, staff		1,182 00	
Fuel		70 40	
Janitor		612 00	
Furniture		3 00	
Telephone		30 00	
Cards		15 00	
Electric light		61 50	
Printing and stationery		5 44	
Building repairs		123 93	
Insurance		87 50	
Miscellaneous		56 14	$ 3,09

General Recapitulation.

Total Receipts.

ain Library, general fund	$14,358 52	
Special fund	1,742 23	
arnegie Branch, general fund	3,095 63	$19,196 38

Total Disbursements.

lain Library, general fund	$14,358 52	
Special fund	870 92	
arnegie Branch, general fund	3,095 63	
alances:		
In hands Board Treasurer	848 03	
In hands Librarian	23 28	$19,196 38

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:

Gentlemen: The report of library work for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1909, covering the nineteenth year of the library's existence, presents few new activities. In a general way, every department has expanded. Proven methods or plans of work have been extended to the limit of library resources, with satisfactory results. While the increase in the use of the library was small as compared with that recorded in the last report, it still shows a decided advance. In the matter of growth, accessions kept pace with the last few years. This has been along the lines heretofore followed, and as a result the institution is better prepared to meet the growing demands made upon it.

As giving a somewhat comprehensive view of library progress, a comparison with the report of five years ago shows a growth in expenditures of 41.5 per cent. Increase in the number of cardholders was 41.1 per cent, holding 82.5 per cent more cards, and reading 61.14 per cent more books (that being the increase in circulation for the period.) There are 60.82 per cent more volumes, the growth of the library in the five year period covered.

	Fiscal year ending 1904	Fiscal year ending 1909	Percentage of increase
Volumes issued	124,135	200,005	61.14
No. volumes in library	28,049	46,177	60.83
No. cardholders	6,196	8,743	41.1
Cards held	7,555	13,789	82.5
Expenditures	$12,945.17	$18,325.07	41.5
Percentage of fiction and children's stories	77.47	66.36	

USERS OF LIBRARY

The number of registered users of the library is 8,743, an increase of 103, holding 13,789 cards, 858 more than one year ago. Teachers' cards number 337. Each year fewer people refuse the non-fiction card, and the natural result is a larger use of books other than fiction. A registration is required every two years, and from the total number registered, all "dead" cards are deducted.

CONTENTS AND GROWTH OF LIBRARY

The library controls 53,358 volumes, of which 7,181 are in the school supplementary reading department. The increase in the library proper, aside from U. S. public documents collection, was 4,304; school collection, 768, or a total of 5,072. With the deductions in the de-

partment named, as shown in the table of library statistics, on account of withdrawals of duplicates, etc., the actual total increase was 4,634.

Appendix II gives accessions, withdrawals and net gains for the year by classes, as well as total contents of library, with comparisons with the figures of five years ago. This table, with that of circulation, is interesting, from the fact that it affords an opportunity of studying in detail the use and growth of the library for the five year period.

While losses by theft number 140 volumes, an increase over last year, the money loss was little more. Books missing from the children's room numbered 38, an increase of 7. A rearrangement of the room requiring users to pass in front of the charging desk in going out will, it is believed, have a beneficial effect.

The record of books stolen shows some surprising features: Four titles are religious: Proudfoot, Child's Christ tales; Peabody, Mornings in the college chapel; Keedy, Teacher's book of Old Testament heroes; Drummond, Addresses. Useful arts classes suffered the loss of twenty-two titles, handbooks of various kinds being popular with the thieving patrons. Fiction of the lighter sort lead in losses, numbering fifty-eight volumes.

Carnegie branch suffered loss at the hands of a band of boys who raided certain departments, getting quite a number of books before being detected. Aided by Sergeant Webster, of the South St. Joseph police station, the gang was broken up by Miss Senter and Mr. McCamy, and some of the books recovered. Other losses are to be replaced. In the meantime, the offenders have been barred from use of the open shelves, and action of authorities held in abeyance pending further investigation.

USE OF LIBRARY

While the home use of books was larger than ever before, the increase fell below that reported one year ago. Total issue was 203,005, a gain of 2,527, as compared with 16,763 the year before. This is accounted for in a measure by the improvement of business conditions throughout the country. "Good times" in the business world affect library use disastrously, while "hard times" produce results exactly the reverse. November, December, January, 1908, decreased compared with 1907. The open winter and early resumption of building operations curtailed somewhat the use of industrial and trade books, but not to a discouraging extent. Tables accompanying this report give full details as to circulation by classes and departments.

Use of the adult department of the main library was 3,872 in excess of the year before, about forty per cent of which were books other

than fiction. The loss at Carnegie branch, adult use, was 953. Fiction showed a decreased use of 1,535 volumes, while books other than fiction showed a gain in use of 582 volumes. In other words, while fiction at the branch showed a decrease of 17.3 per cent, all other classes showed an increase of 21.3 per cent. The largest increases were in the arts, fine and useful.

As to relative popularity of the different classes of books, fiction stituted over 80 per cent of the entire library use. Five years later it had dropped to about 77 per cent, while at this time it constitutes 66.36 per cent. Second place in circulation ten years ago was taken by current magazines, which within five years dropped to fourth place, the last year to eighth. Literature advanced to second place in 1904, which it still holds, being followed closely by history. History has moved from fourth to third place, while biography has dropped back one point, from sixth to seventh place. Use of books on industrial arts has steadily gained, being eleventh in 1899, tenth in 1904, and ninth at this time. Fine arts dropped from eighth to tenth place in ten years. The jumping of language from the fourteenth to fifth place is easily understood when it is explained that the "language" books of the children's library and school collections, both comparatively new departments, come under this class.

A decreased use of the children's library, main department, is accounted for by an increased use of 7,237 in school libraries, as is explained in other places.

THE LIBRARY AND CHILDREN

In an effort to relieve the rush hours in the children's room at the main library, thus affording time for more individual work, the two school deposit stations established late in the school term last year at the Humboldt and Floyd schools were continued, and an additional deposit placed in the South Park school. While the total circulation of books among children through all departments numbered 85,805, an increase of 639, the main library and school departments showed an increase of 2,541. Conditions at the branch are covered in another place.

The children's department at the main library issued 49,444 volumes, as against 54,141 last year, a decrease of 4,697. Books placed in the school deposits were taken from this department, and were issued 7,542 times, an increase of 5,441. Despite the increase there exists the satisfaction that the little ones had better service and the best books. It is a pleasure also to know that the splendid use of the books placed in the Humboldt school was a great factor in securing a branch library for the neighborhood in which the school is located.

All of the features heretofore found practical and useful have been continued, with a decided increase in and appreciation of work with teachers and pupils in the schools. Select lists for various school grades were made by Miss McCoy, children's librarian, at the requests of teachers, and they have been used as advisory reading lists. This interest on the part of teachers is an important aid, as relieving the librarian of the necessity of so much personal work with each child. There is no relaxation in efforts to induce the use of the best books.

In her report Miss McCoy notes continued interest in special bulletins, and good results from featuring on special shelves books to which it is wished to draw attention.

As indicating a more practical use of the room, it is shown that just one-half the decrease in its use was in children's stories. The literature class leads in gain.

While "the story-telling hour" has not been inaugurated at the main library, every aid and encouragement is given teachers in the schools by suggestions on the selection of stories and in supplying books calculated to aid the story teller.

The addition of needed reference books in the children's department greatly simplifies and extends the usefulness of the room.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

The death of Miss Annie M. Perry, reference librarian of this library since its opening in 1891, which occurred January 5, was a distinct loss to the library and its patrons. As was said in the resolutions adopted by the Board, "She was a woman of much strength of character and culture. Her influence with the younger generation especially was marked, being used for the higher and more serious things of life, and for thoroughness of study." As an assistant to those using the library she was always helpful, her knowledge of books and familiarity with the library, making her especially valuable.

Under Miss Kerr, who was transferred from the cataloging department, the reference department has maintained its usefulness. No section of the library nearly approaches this in the demands made upon it. That its value is being appreciated by the business and professional, as well as studious, life of the community is shown by the steady increase and the nature of the demands made upon it—demands that are vital to the welfare of the city. It is no less gratifying to be able to furnish a representative business organization with the "excess product of currants in the territory tributary to St. Joseph," than it is to receive from the students of an out-of-town college forming a debating class a letter to the effect that

"we won our debate for Park College over Cedar Rapids. We attribute our success to your kindness in furnishing us material on 'The central bank of issue question.'" It is a pleasure to be called upon for information as to the location of a town by the local postal officials and to be able to furnish it; to aid the pension department in detecting a fraud or assisting a worthy woman in establishing her right to government aid; to assist in finding who was one's grandfather or great-grandmother, and something of their lives; to furnish the newspaper with a portrait or illustration on a rush order; to supply, by telephone, the spelling of a word; a date in history; the name of a cabinet officer or other official; to provide statistics for the minister of the gospel for his sermon on marriage and divorce; and, not the least of all, to get the earnest student in any branch of study, the energetic club woman, the teacher with heart and mind in her work, the help they need. These are every day matters.

This department was drawn upon in the matter of the new city charter, as it was by the winners of the state-wide essay contests for high school students. Every effort is made to serve every legitimate interest making demands upon it.

All assistance possible under the rules has been given college and high school students in the territory tributary to St. Joseph. Tarkio College, Tarkio; Park College, Parkville; Wesleyan College, Cameron; and students of high schools from all nearby towns, have availed themselves of the contents of this library. A large number of reference lists have been prepared at their resquest, and personal work has been given many student visitors from these places.

No record is kept of reference use of the library other than a count of such books left upon the tables. These numbered 31,148, as compared with 25,843 last year. All high school class and regular club work is done from special shelves, the books being replaced by user after use.

CARNEGIE BRANCH

Compared with former years, results through Carnegie branch, in the stock yards district, were not so satisfactory, although presenting a rather curious situation. The decrease in the number of books issued was 2,855, 12.4 per cent. A peculiar feature is shown in the adult department. While the loss in circulation was 953, the decrease in the use of fiction was 1,535, showing a gain in the use of books other than fiction of 582 volumes. Rather noted increases are shown in the natural science class, followed by useful arts, fine arts, travel and biography. Literature was the only classed section showing an actual decreased use. Loss in cir-

culation in the children's room was 1,902, 68 per cent of which, 1,433 volumes, being children's stories.

A careful study of the situation developed the fact that during the depression in the business world the expert or higher classed and better educated mechanics and workmen were less affected than were the common workmen; that day laborers came in conflict with and lost their places to lower paid, uneducated foreigners who flocked to the city in large numbers. This meant lost work to the library force, if increased opportunities.

Miss Senter, branch librarian, reports that, "in an effort to discover the cause of the decreased use of the library, the homes of former library patrons whose cards had been left at the library were visited, and it was found that 36 per cent had left that portion of the city and the houses were occupied by foreigners, largely from Southern Europe." These are largely without children. It is a constantly changing population, and the few children are especially hard to reach and all but impossible to hold. Efforts are not relaxed on this account, and hopes are entertained that when the population becomes more staple results will be more satisfactory. Hosea school, near the library, shows a change of 31 per cent in personnel of attendance, bearing out library estimates.

The work of the Carnegie Culture club, Carnegie Literary club, the Senter club, named for the librarian, and the St. James Flower club, and children's stories easily come first, as is natural. In 1899 this concontinues along most desirable lines. These are all the result of branch library activity, and much interest is felt in their progress.

Miss Senter further reports as follows:

Carnegie branch now contains 6,922 volumes, the number of books added during the year being 803. To the circulating departments belong 5,557 volumes, to the reference departments 1,365 volumes. The juvenile department contains 1,574 volumes, 83 of which are reference. One hundred and ten books were canceled and withdrawn during the year.

The total registration for the year was 480, of which 254 were new members and 226 renewals. Adults 272, children 208, 138 nonfiction cards were issued. Number of cards now in force at the library, 1,352. The number of books isued for the year was 20,047.

Books in the children's room number 1,574 volumes, of which 194 were added during the year. The circulation was 7,904, a decrease from the year before of 1,903. The books most in use after the stories aie those about Indians and Colonial history. After school hours, while the children are reading at the library, it is often found that at least half the

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books on those particular subjects are off the shelves and in use. There was a decrease in the use of natural science of 35 per cent over last year.

Number of persons using the reference rooms aside from the Sunday readers and visitors, was 9,998, a daily average of 47. The Sunday use is much greater. The largest number of visitors and readers at the library on a single Sunday was 172, March 14, 1909. The smallest number was 31, due to hard storm. Average Sunday attendance, 94. Amount of reference work done during the months of November and January was greater than at any time during the year, the rooms being

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crowded much of the time. The reading room is supplied with 48 periodicals and 3 daily papers for adults and 6 magazines for children.

LIBRARY AND SCHOOL

The school supplementary reading collection contains 7,181 volumes, the growth being 768. School use for eight months was 20,914, an increase of 1,787. These are purchased by the School District, care and issue being a library charge. Figures given in tables indicate possibly a

little more than one-half the real use. With a satisfactory delivery and collection system, use would be largely increased.

Experiments with the school deposit libraries have been very satisfactory, and the only regret is that the plan could not be put into more general use. But three schools are now thus supplied, the Humboldt, 300 volumes; Floyd, 200; and South Park, 235, the first two for seven months and the third for two months. Aggregate use of the 735 volumes for the limited period was 7,542.

There are requests from five school principals for deposit libraries, as well as numerous appeals for special room collections. These will be furnished the coming year. Washington Park branch, when completed, will supply the Humboldt, as well as other schools.

The growing need for closer relations with the schools is apparent each day. With a school supervisor of library work, not only a great deal more work could be accomplished with children, but it would be of a decidedly higher order. It is hoped that this department can be created with the new school year.

Continued appreciation is noted of the Bulletin for Teachers, issued by the library each school month of the year, mimeographed copies being placed in the hands of each teacher. This contains a title index to articles in the leading educational magazines received at the library with occasional reference to articles of interest in the general magazines and books of interest to teachers. Most teachers call it "the time-saver," as it not unfrequently occurs that several articles can be read in the time that would ordinarily be taken to merely looking over the various magazines in search of something of interest.

With better understanding between high school teachers and library assistants, resulting in closer co-operation, a decided increase is noted in the use of the library by high school students.

PUBLICATIONS AND EXTENSION WORK

Special publications of the year were confined to the annual report, Bulletin and a reading list on municipal affairs. The occasion for the last named was the "Ad Club" dinner at which the proposed city charter was under discussion. The list comprised titles under various headings, such as Municipal art; Charters; Garbage, Hygiene; Public parks; Playgrounds; Police; Roads and pavements; Sanitary engineering; Street cleaning; Water supply. A copy of the folder was placed at each plate, and others were given general circulation. The increased use of books

will doubtless continue at least until after the submission of the charter to a vote of the people.

At the request of the librarian, the senator and representatives in the state legislature from Buchanan County provided the library with copies of all measures introduced in either house, and they are kept on file for the use of the public. The value of these bills were greatly enhanced by the subject indexes prepared and furnished by the Missouri Library Commission. Calls for the bills were numerous. The library was also one of the centers for distributing copies of the special charter bill.

The leading magazines are indexed each month, mimeograph copies being placed in the reading rooms of the library and various clubs. It is published regularly in the columns of the News-Press. It seems to be appreciated by busy people.

The library participates in the educational work of the Y. W. C. A. by the loan of books and globe, and by book deposits at its extension stations. Deposit libraries are also made at the Detention home and Home for little wanderers. No record is kept of the use of these other than the first issue.

A compilaion of all genealogical titles in the library was made, and copies furnished the patriotic societies of the city. The books are largely used.

CATALOGING DEPARTMENT

In additions to regular accessions, the cataloging department under Misses Martin and Kerr, and later Miss Reichert, continued the work of revision of the classification and cataloging of the library. The biographical section was completed and all German and French fiction changed, as well as the Shakespearean collection in literature. Over 2,500 titles were thus treated. Total number of cards made, 6,962. This is made possible by the use of 4,000 Library of Congress cards. Miss Martin is also in charge of the statistical department of the library, which furnished the basis for this report.

PAY COLLECTION

Receipts from the pay collection of fiction were $368.30. The collection now consists of 308 volumes, 277 volumes having been transferred to the free collection. During the year 256 volumes were purchased. Receipts cover the cost of rebinding all books transferred to the free collection. No separate record is kept of amount of penalties collected from this department.

READING ROOM

The increasing popularity of the Reading room is so evident as to cause general comment. It will be a question of but a short time when the advisability of removing this department to more commodious quarters on the second floor will be a matter for consultation with the School Board. Had the library the necessary funds for providing supervision of the room thus located, the matter would be worthy considering at this time. Additional chairs are sadly needed. Two hundred and seventy-two periodicals are now received, 62 of which are gifts.

CURRENT EVENTS TABLE

Exhibits on the current events table and bulletin board which attracted the most general attention were the following: Domestic science exhibit, aided by a loan from American school of home economics, Chicago; Tuberculosis, with a collection of pamphlets secured from the International congress on tuberculosis, held in Washington, D. C., Sept. 28-Oct. 3; The Balkans, followed later by the Turkish uprising; Abraham Lincoln anniversary; The U. S. army, on the occasion of the military tournament; Gardening and fruit growing.

BINDING

Binding expense was $1,768.84. Average cost per volume was 47.5 cents. The increase in average cost was occasioned by an improvement in material used, and the larger number of periodicals bound.

IN GENERAL

Volumes issued through the delivery stations again show a decrease, the total being 5,142. Establishing of school deposits was probably the cause for this. Unsatisfactory at best, no effort is made to increase delivery station use.

The method of loaning books to fire stations on cards issued in the No. of the house has proven much more satisfactory than deposit books, as giving the men freedom of selection. No record is kept of individual use of books so issued.

Sunday users of library numbered 18,338, an increase of 2,674. Of these 6,055 were children. Sunday issue of books was 11,112, 2,496 being from the branch. By departments the numbers were as follows: Adult, main, 5,123; branch, 1,349; children, main, 3,493; branch, 1,147. The libraries were open fifty-two Sundays.

Three members of the staff attended the meeting of the A. L. A. at

Minneapolis, and an equal number were in attendance on the meeting of the Missouri library association.

Use of books on the vacation plan showed an enlarged and appreciative use.

The local newspapers have been most liberal in giving space to library matters, and in support of the institution in all ways. Acknowledgment is made to the News-Press and the Gazette for many courtesies. The former publishes lists of new books added, and the latter uses all special lists prepared. Both are liberal in space given on library matters.

A large number of additions have been made to the collection of state reports. The most valuable sets are practically complete, including the geological survey.

The books of the library have just had a thorough cleaning by the suction process, an electric renovator, the joint purchase of library and school board, making this possible. The books were cleaned in a fraction of the time heretofore required, and without additional expense.

THE NEW BRANCH

The library needs of North St. Joseph having been demonstrated in so many ways, it was gratifying in the extreme when, after a brief correspondence relating to the matter, Mr. Andrew Carnegie offered a second branch to the city.

Under date of January 22 a statement of conditions and needs was submitted to Mr. Carnegie by Mr. Atwill, president of the Board. A prompt reply (Jan. 26), asking as to amount of support of the present library system by the city, met with an equally prompt response (Jan 29). The information being satisfactory, under date of Feb. 1, an offer of $25,000 for a second branch was received, subject to usual conditions of site and support. February 16 the council extended a vote of thanks to Mr. Carnegie. A site was provided by an extension of Washington Park grounds, and the citizens of North St. Joseph immediately added $2,800 by popular subscription as a book and equipment fund. The council later formally accepted the tender according to its terms, and immediately apportioned $2,500 for the new branch, which has been named Washington Park branch of the Free Public Library.

The matter of plans, etc., for the new building is now in the hands of a special committee, and an effort will be made to have the branch ready to serve the appreciative people of North St. Josepn early in 1910.

Usual statistical tables accompany and form a part of this report.

Especial acknowledgment is due to the members of the staff for

conscientious assistance under trying circumstances, caused by changes in duty and increased service, and to the members of the library board for helpful consideration of all matters brought to their attention, as well as interest in duties permitted outside the library as an officer of the A. L. A. and the Missouri Library Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

PURD B. WRIGHT,

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1909. Librarian.

STATE OF MISSOURI, }
COUNTY OF BUCHANAN. } ss.

Before me, Clara B. Davis, a notary public in and for the county aforesaid, personally appeared Purd B. Wright, Librarian of the Free Public Library of the City of St. Joseph, Mo., and made oath that the facts and figures submitted are correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Given under my hand and seal this 12th day of May, 1909.

CLARA B. DAVIS.

(SEAL) Notary Public.

My commission expires June 1, 1910.

I—LIBRARY STATISTICS.

Book Account.

Number of volumes reported April 30, 1908..			42,311
Additions for fiscal year:			
By purchase.....	3,778		
By transfer from duplicate collection.....	277		
By periodicals bound.....	449		
By donations, accessioned, and Govt, docs.	527	5,031	
Withdrawals:			
Worn out, burned, etc.....	440		
Lost or damaged and paid for..... ...	41		
Lost and not paid for.....	22		
Unaccounted for last year.....	66		
Government documents (duplicates, etc.)..	596	1,165	3,866
Number of volumes now in library.....			46,177

School Supplementary Reading Department.

No. volumes reported April 30, 1908			6,413	
Additions for fiscal year.....		1,083		
Withdrawals:				
Worn out, lost, etc.....	206			
Transferred to schools.....	109	315		
Net increase for year.....			768	
No. volumes in school collection..				7,181
Number of volumes in library.....				53,358

Accessions and Withdrawals Classified, 1908-1909.

Class	Accessions	Withdrawals	Net Gain
General	98	5	93
Philosophy	34	1	33
Religion	129	3	126
*Sociology (inc. pub. doc. 158 v.).....	519	**605	***86
Language	118	32	86
Natural science.....	156	15	141
Useful arts.....	277	5	272
Fine arts.....	160	10	150
Literature	258	34	224
Travel	217	14	203
Biography	165	6	159
History	361	24	337
Periodicals (R. L.).....	701	....	701
Children's stories.....	656	194	462
Fiction (inc. duplicate collection).....	1,182	217	965
Total	5,031	1,165	3,866

*Public documents received: 158.
**Duplicate public documents, 596.
***Decrease.

II—EXPENDITURES OF LIBRARY.

		General fund.	Special fund.		Total
Book account:					
Books	$3,710 88			$3,710 88	
Periodicals	412 37		$400 00	812 37	
Binding	1,768 84	$ 5,892 09		1,768 84	$ 6,292 09
Salaries Lib & Assts.		8,568 99			8,568 99
Heat and engineer		407 28			407 28
Janitors		1,077 00			1,077 00
Ptg. and Stationery		322 74	40 95		363 69
Postage		32 00	35 83		67 83
Repairs		163 93			163 93
Insurance		95 00			95 00
Furniture		361 05	137 50		498 55
Telephone		72 00			72 00
Electric Light		125 54			125 54
Cards		107 90			107 90
Miscellaneous		228 63	74 34		302 97
Frt. & exp.			102 30		102 30
Delivery sta			80 00		80 00
Total		$17 454 15	$870 92		$18,325 07

LIBRARY RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

Receipts.

Brought forward	$ 25 75	
From duplicate collection	368 30	
Penalties on overdue books	837 71	
Catalogs	3 05	
Supplements	2 65	
Miscellaneous	134 24	$ 1,371 70

Disbursements.

Deposited to credit Sec.-Treas.		$ 1,015 00	
Freight and express	$ 102 30		
Postage	35 83		
Stationery	40 95		
Delivery stations expenses	80 00		
Miscellaneous	74 34	333 42	
Forward		23 28	$ 1,371 70

CONTENTS OF LIBRARY CLASSIFIED, 1904 AND 1909.

CLASS	As reported 1904	As reported 1909	Increase in 5 years	School Collection, 1909
General	567	1117	550	...
Philosophy	278	444	166	...
Religion	667	1295	628	150
Sociology	1218	2993	1775	200
U. S. Public documents	*3610	†3610	...	...
Language	114	364	250	1650
Natural science	799	1623	824	694
Useful arts	486	1630	1144	32
Fine arts	496	1302	806	...
Literature	2456	3370	914	1464
Travel	1526	2563	1037	474
Biography	1865	2633	768	552
History	2509	3732	1224	788
Fiction (inc. children's stories)	8886	14279	5393	1177
Bound periodicals (R. L.)	2612	5222	2610	...
Total	28089	46177	18088	7181
No. vols. circulating dept.	20501	33,955	13454	...
No. vols. in reference dept.	7588	12223	4635	...

* Included collections since classified under proper sociological and other headings, with duplicates.

† All serial numbered documents except 72 v. in process of classification.

III—CIRCULATION

CLASS	Main Library Adult	Main Library Children	Carnegie B'ch Adult	Carnegie B'ch Children	Collection	School depos.	Total	Per Cent
General	2,376	232	23	22	...	.	2,643	1 30
Philosophy	949	19	93	3	...	.. .	1,064	53
Religion	1,399	364	110	53	407	96	2,472	1 19
Sociology	1,356	782	114	136	500	156	3,046	1 50
Language	137	1,815	7	469	6,028	502	8,958	4 41
Natural science	909	1,358	278	353	2,464	801	6,202	3 03
Useful arts	2,384	326	546	98		105	3,459	1 71
Fine arts	2,095	641	189	207	..	100	3,232	1 59
Literature	4,442	1,616	478	351	2,822	242	9,951	4 90
Travel	2,328	2,483	410	511	1,774	868	8,274	4 12
Biography	1,799	1,332	290	268	1,520	212	5,421	2 67
History	2,226	2,860	630	561	2,614	601	9,492	4 67
Current magazines	3,849	74	147		..		4,070	2 01
Children's stories	.	35,512	..	4,871	9,785	3,859	67,027	33 16
Fiction	78,809	.	8,827	.	.		87,636	43 2
Total	105,058	49,444	12,142	7,905	20,914	7,542	203,005	100 00

Summary and General Statistics

Number of days open, 359.
Number of Sundays open, 52 (1 30 to 6 30 p m)
Average daily issue, 565½, increase, 7½
Average secular daily issue, 625, increase, 7.
Average Sunday issue, 214; increase, 13.
Largest issue in one day, Main Library, Mar. 13, 1909, 1049.
Smallest issue in one day, Main Library, Oct. 21, 1908, 170.
Largest issue in one day, Carnegie Branch, Feb. 25, 1909, 110.
Smallest issue in one day, Carnegie Branch, Oct. 21, 1908, 18.
Largest total issue, one month, March, 1909, 22,278; increase, 984.
Smallest total issue, one month, September, 1908, 13,114; increase, 1,124.
Circulation: Adult, 117,200, children, 85,805; total, 203,005, increase, 2,527.
Number of cardholders, 8,743; increase, 103. Cards outstanding, 13,789; increase, 858.
Expenditures, $18,325.07
Proportion of total expenditures to salary account, 46 76.
Proportion of total expenditures to book account, 34 33.

IV—DONORS AND DONATIONS

	Vols.	Pamp.
Benion, Rev. S. R.	2	...
Bishop, John P., collection of clippings		
Bullard, Rev. Henry	30	280
Canada—Supt. of Immigration	3	
Carnegie, Andrew, N. Y.	1	
Charnowitz, Henry	2	
Church of Christ, Scientist, First and Second	10	
Combe Ptg. Co.	25	
Coolidge, Asenath Carter, Watertown, N. Y.	1	
Craig	1	
Garth, Mrs., Craig curio collection		
D. A. R., St. Joseph Chapter	2	
Diek Nachf, J. H. W., Stuttgart	1	
Eclipse Electrotype and Engraving Co., Cleveland, O	2	
Electrical Railway Journal, N. Y.	1	
Fulkerson, F. B.	8	
Hazen, C. H.	2	
Hazen, W. B.	19	120
Hamilton, C. A., Wagner, Neb.	2	
Holaday, Duncan		200
Hyatt & Atwill	5	
Illinois Historical Society	2	
Indiana—Adjt. General	1	
Iowa—State Library	22	15
James, Mrs. W. K.	1	
Joseph Lodge No. 73, I. O. B. B.	5	
Kansas State Historical Society	2	
Lambert, Annie A., St. Paul, Minn.		1
Longman, Green	1	
Marchant, Mrs. A. J.	9	6
Marshal, Mr. E.	162	
Martin, Miss	2	
Michel, John		164
Mississippi Dept. of Archives and History, Jackson, Miss.	2	
Missionary Volunteer Society of Seventh Day Adventists	2	
Missouri State Board of Agriculture	2	6
Morton, Dr. Daniel	6	20
New York Association for Blind, N. Y.		2
Nelson-Hanne Ptg. Co.	1	
New Zealand, Dept. of Tourists and Health Resort	2	1
Peale, Miss		200
Perry, Annie M.	3	
Railway News Bureau, Chicago, Ill.	1	
Raymond, Geo., Lansing, N. Y.	3	
St. Joseph High School Class of 1908	1	
St. Joseph Medical Society	1	
St. Louis Republic	1	
St. Marys Falls Canal Semi-Centennial Com.	1	
State Historical Society of Missouri	69	
Stimson, John Ward, Redding Center, Conn.	1	
Turner, Miss Anna	3	
University of Chicago, picture		
U. S. Departments	220	878

U. S Library of Congress 4
Vandiver, W D, State Supt of Insurance 1
Veeder, S H., Chicago, Ill. 118
Welty, Mrs. E. A., rubber plant .....
Westminster College, Fulton, Mo. 2
Westover, Dr. H. W. 24
Woodson, Elmer 1
Young People's Alliance Evangelical Ass'n, subscription, Evangelical Messenger .....

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:

Gentlemen: The duty devolved upon this committee of reporting to the Library Board at the time the death of Annie M. Perry, which occurred Jan. 5, 1909. Miss Perry had been reference librarian of this library since its opening in 1891. Appropriate resolutions in recognition of long and faithful service were adopted by the Board and recorded in the minutes.

Other changes were as follows: Miss Mary Reichert was advanced from substitute list to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Miss Fife, Miss Martha Brown being named substitute. On resignation of Miss Brown, Miss Sandford was named substitute, and regularly appointed on the death of Miss Perry. Miss Bessie Albus was the last appointment to the substitute list. Miss Lilian C. Kerr, formerly cataloguer, is now reference librarian, Miss Reichert being assigned to the department thus vacated.

Respectfully submitted,

C. P. CARGILL,
CHAS. A. PFEIFFER,
W. E. WARRICK,
Administration Committee.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1909.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:

Gentlemen: The raising of the boiler at Carnegie branch, incidental repairs to that building, and the purchase of furniture for the main library were the most important matters coming under the jurisdiction of this committee. Expenditures in the accounts named are shown under proper headings in the report of the Treasurer and Librarian.

It is a pleasure to report an appropriation of $1,200 by the Council, at the instigation of Mr. S. J. Ackerly, councilman from the Ninth ward, for laying cement sidewalks around Carnegie library grounds. The Board of Public Works has let the contract, and the promise is made that the walks will be completed at an early date.

The purchase of an electric renovator jointly by the school district

and Library Board will make it possible to keep the building and books in better condition and at less expense than heretofore,

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. WARRICK,
G. D. CARTMELL,
SMITH A. PENNEY.
Buildings and Grounds Committee.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1909.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:

Gentlemen: Despite the increased cost of operating the library, expenditures in the book account during the year were practically the same as for 1907-8. The growth of the library more than kept pace with the satisfactory record of the last few years.

Increased demands upon the reference department were met by additions thereto of many needed titles. In the periodical section, 701 volumes were added, embracing either complete sets, or long runs completing sets, of Auk, Blackwoods, Chamber's journal, Journal of American folk-lore, Journal of geology, Music, Technical world. In the young people's room at the main library also the reference section received attention, a number of important titles being added.

The activities of the library in general, continue along the lines heretofore developed. Special lists of books and references are compiled on any subject in which there exists more than passing interest, and as wide circulation as possible given them.

Recognition of the library as a city department of practical value to the masses is the aim sought by the Library Board and employes. That the public is generous in this regard is shown by the steady increase in its use.

Publications of the Library comprised three numbers of the Bulletin, a 4-page pamphlet containing titles in relation to municipal affairs, Government, Health, Street paving, Public playgrounds, Engineering, Water supply, etc.

As heretofore all purchases of books were made under Board regulations.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. MCCORD,
HENRY BULLARD,
J. W. ATWILL.
Library Committee.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1909.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:

Gentlemen: An examination of the report of the Treasurer of the Library Board by your committee shows that it is correct, and balances with the books of the city departments and the librarian.

For the year the Council made an apportionment for library purposes of $17,000, $14,000 being for the main library and $3,000 for Carnegie branch. Credits to both accounts exceeded these sums, and expenditures, by permission, were larger than the opportionments, for main library being $14,358.52, and for Carnegie branch $3,095.63, a total of $17,454.15. Expenditures from the library petty account were as follows: Periodicals, $400.00; electric renovator, $137.50; miscellaneous, $333.42. Total expenditures through all departments aggregated $18,325.07.

The apportionment ordinance for 1909-10, passed by the Common Council April 24, carried $20,000 for library purposes, as follows: Main library, $14,500; Carnegie branch, $3,000; Washington Park branch, $2,500.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. A. PFEIFFER,
G. D. CARTMELL,
C. P. CARGILL.
Finance Committee.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1909.

St. Joseph Public Library

TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER TRANSMITTING REPORTS

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council of the City of St. Joseph:

Gentlemen—In submitting to you the reports of the various officers, committees and the librarian for the fiscal year 1909-1910—comprising the twentieth annual report of the St. Joseph Public Library—I cannot refrain from calling attention to the many activities in various directions for bringing before the people the books and periodicals of the library, as well as the methods employed to make these books accessible to as many readers as possible. When one considers the limitations in resources, which curtail purchases as well as limit the number of employes, the showing made is peculiarly gratifying to the Library Board. It is but fair to say that much of this is due to the real interest, resourcefulness and activity of the librarian and through him to his well organized staff.

It is a disappointment not to be able to report to you the completion of the Washington Park Branch library, secured through your co-operation with Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Bad weather caused a delay in the building work. Everything is ready from the library standpoint, and the promise is made that the building will be open within a few weeks.

Demands are constantly being made for branch libraries in other portions of the city. The needs of these sections are being tested through deposit stations. It will be a pleasure to the Board to make recommendations whenever the proper authorities indicate their readiness to provide the necessary maintenance funds. There has been no change in the policy outlined some years ago of providing well located branches rather than a large accumulation of books in one place.

The library authorities co-operate in every way possible with those in charge of school work, and find the school board officers and teachers most helpful and interested. Conditions represent co-operative educational work developed to a high degree.

The statistics of the various reports show a gratifying increase in the growth and use of the library. Your attention is directed to the reports as giving in detail all the transactions of the library.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. ATWILL,
President Public Library Board.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1910.

REPORT OF TREASURER

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:

Gentlemen—The statement herewith shows the financial operations of the library by departments for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1910.

The total apportionment for the library for the year was $20,000, of which $14,500 was for the Central Library, $3,000 for Carnegie branch, and $2,500 for Washington Park branch. Excess collections were credited only to Central Library.

The statement includes the special fund account, or petty collections at library; the Andrew Carnegie fund for Washington Park branch, and the collection on the fund contributed by St. Joseph citizens for that branch.

All expenditures through the city departments are accounted for in duplicate vouchers, approved by not less than two members of the Finance Committee, allowed by the Board, after which they are certified to by the President. Original vouchers are on file in the office of the city auditor, duplicates being retained in the office of the librarian.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. A. PFEIFFER,

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1910. Treasurer.

STATE OF MISSOURI,
County of Buchanan } ss.

Before me, Clara B. Davis, a notary public in and for the county aforesaid, personally appeared Charles A. Pfeiffer, Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library of the City of St. Joseph, and made oath that the facts and figures in his report are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Given under my hand and seal this 4th day of May, 1910.

(Seal) CLARA B. DAVIS,
Notary Public.

My commission expires June 1, 1910.

CENTRAL LIBRARY

GENERAL ACCOUNT
RECEIPTS

From city	$14,500.00	
Excess collections	309.66	$14,809.66

EXPENDITURES

By general warrants on city treasurer:

Book account—Books	$3,481.09		
Periodicals	126.54		
Binding	1,617.55	$5,225.18	
Salaries, staff		7,667.71	
*Heat and engineer		408.32	
Janitor service		471.00	
Printing and stationery		185.54	
Postage		51.50	
Repairs		.50	
Insurance		121.00	
Furniture		237.90	
Telephone		42.00	
Electric light		68.60	
Cards		72.14	
General		258.27	$14,809.66

*An item of $57.71 against this account was paid from Carnegie Branch funds by city authorities.

SPECIAL FUND ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

Brought forward, in hands Board Treasurer	$848.03	
Brought forward, in hands Librarian	23.28	
Received from Duplicate collection	405.55	
Penalties on overdue books	886.08	
Supplements	1.80	
Miscellaneous	144.74	
Interest on bank balance	24.78	$2,334.26

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid by special warrant No. 6, periodicals			$ 426.35	
Paid by special warrant No. 7, floor covering, children's room			188.00	
By librarian:				
Freight and expenses	$	81.47		
Postage		33.54		
Stationery		27.05		
Delivery station expenses		87.00		
Miscellaneous		95.02	324.08	
Balances:				
In hands Board Treasurer		1,368.46		
In hands Librarian		27.37	1,395.83	$2,334.26

CARNEGIE BRANCH

RECEIPTS

From city apportionment, 1909-10			$3,000 00

EXPENDITURES

By general warrants, city treasurer:				
Book account—Books	$498 35			
Periodicals	103.75			
Binding	127 11	$ 729.21		
Salary, staff		1,242.50		
*Fuel		159 96		
Janitor		612.00		
Telephone		30 00		
Cards		20.00		
Electric light		70 80		
Printing and stationery		3.70		
Building repairs		44.00		
General		72 25		
Balance in hands city treasurer		15.58	$3,000 00	

*$57.71 of this amount is chargeable to Central Library.

WASHINGTON PARK BRANCH

RECEIPTS

From city apportionment, 1909-10	$2,500 00

EXPENDITURES

By general warrants, city treasurer			
Book account—Books	$1 619 56		
Binding	144.00	$1,763.56	
Salaries		484.50	
Printing and stationery		73 00	
Cards		90.00	
General		61.07	
Balance in hands city treasurer		27.87	$2,500 00

SPECIAL SUBSCRIPTION FUND

RECEIPTS

Collections to April 20	$2,299.00

EXPENDITURES

Books purchased	$1,016.28	
Balance in bank	1,282 72	$2,299.00

RECAPITULATION

(Exclusive of Carnegie Washington Park Branch building fund.)

RECEIPTS

Central library, general fund	$14,809.66	
Central library, special fund	2,334.26	
Carnegie branch, general fund	3,000.00	
Washington Park branch, general fund	2,500.00	
Washington Park branch, subscription fund	2,299.00	$24,942.92

EXPENDITURES

Central library, general fund	$14,809.66	
Central library, special fund	938.43	
Carnegie branch, general fund	2,984.42	
Washington Park branch, general fund	2,472.13	
Washington Park branch, subscription fund	1,016.28	
	$22,220.92	

Balances:

In hands city treasurer, Carnegie branch funds	$ 15.58		
In hands city treasurer, Washington Park branch funds	27.87		
In hands board treasurer, special funds	1,368.46		
In hands board treasurer, Washington Park subscription funds	1,282.72		
In hands librarian, special funds	27.37	$ 2,722.00	$24,942.9

Washington Park Branch, Carnegie Building Fund

Received from Andrew Carnegie, on gift of $25,000 ..... $20,000.0

EXPENDITURES

Paid on building contract	$14,525.23	
Balance in bank	5,474.77	$20,000.0

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

To the Board of Directors of the St. Joseph Public Library:

Gentlemen—The twentieth annual report of the librarian for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1910, is submitted herewith.

The work of the library shows a large increase in the number of books, a small gain in circulation, and a general widening of influence in the community at large through satisfied demands upon the reference and other departments.

A number of the lesser activities of the library were temporarily suspended in order that every attention could be given the Washington Park branch building, and the selection and preparation of books therefor. Extensive demands on the branch being anticipated, it was the desire to devote as large a proportion of the funds as possible to the purchase of books. That this was accomplished will be recognized when it is shown that the cost of assistance chargeable to the branch was but $484.50. It was not, however, without more than a little sacrifice to other library work.

VOLUMES IN LIBRARY

	1910	1905	1900	1895	1890-91
Contents of library proper	52,691	31,200	18,382	12,859	5,510

The library proper now contains 52,691 volumes, the net growth being 6,514. Of these, 2,929 were purchased or bound for the new Washington Park branch, and have been inactive, with 322 volumes transferred from Central Library, being held for the opening. Carnegie branch additions number 586, and school supplementary reading collection 1,231. Inventory having been changed to a less busy season of the year, no losses are reported in current statistics. However, these will not exceed previous years.

LIBRARY CARD HOLDERS

	1910	1905	1900	1895	1890-91
Number of card holders	8,694	6,708	4,611	4,103	1,546

Card holders number 8,694, holding 13,925 cards. These totals do not include special pupils' cards, issued for use in school deposit stations, nor cards issued for use of the deposit stations elsewhere. These aggregate about 2,191, but cards are not usable other than at the special stations where issued. In this connection it should be borne in mind that all pupils in the public schools between the entering class in grade one and the high school are reached directly by the library through the means of the school supplementary reading collection.

Cards are issued for two years. Classification of holders, at issue, was as follows: Male, 3,479; female, 5,363; under 14 years of age, 3,128; over 14, 5,714; new, 4,488; re-registered, 4,459.

CIRCULATION

	1910	1905	1900	1895
Books issued for home use	206,670	149,210	109,939	108,882

The issue of books for home use was 206,670, as compared wit[illegible] 203,005 for the previous year. While causes for fluctuations in libra[illegible]

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use are usually difficult to ascertain with any degree of satisfaction, it is not impossible to note conditions which affect the reading of books among given classes. The abnormally warm weather in March started building operations and general outdoor occupations unusually early, and reading time was curtailed. The epidemic of children's diseases (chicken pox and measles) since January not only affected library use, but cut down the attendance of the schools. During March, 1,506 pupils out of a registration of 9,500, or about 16 per cent, were out of school on account of sickness. Two of the school deposit stations were closed temporarily, that at South Park school during February, and at Humboldt School on the 1st of April. The latter has not been re-opened.

Compared with former years, circulation of books was most erratic. An increase of 2,500 was shown for the first half of the fiscal year, November followed with an increase of over 2,000, December decreased 1,500, January and February gained 3,000, March decreased 2,000, and April was behind a small number. A study of circulation by classes shows a number of changes. Sociological books lead in percentage of increase, 33 1-3. Useful arts books follow with 21 per cent. None of the other classes showed changes of note. Adult fiction (all languages) comprised 44.4 per cent of total use, a gain of 1.2 per cent; children's stories, 22.08 per cent, a decrease of 1.08 per cent.

EXTENSION WORK

	1910	1905
Circulation	11,495	7,542

While many former activities of the library were curtailed, increased attention was given extension work, in an effort to make books more easily accessible to as many readers as possible. Deposit stations heretofore established at Humboldt, South Park and Floyd Schools were continued, with an increased number of books. In addition, deposits were made at Bliss, Maxwell, Pettepier and Florence schools, the Home for Little Wanderers, Detention Home, Rescue Home and Y. W. C. A. branch. Books were furnished the Y. M. C. A. for its work with paroled boys from the juvenile court. All of these were provided from the Central Library. From Carnegie branch experiments are being made with two systems. A deposit station of 100 volumes was placed in the Swift Packing Co. plant in February. For the Hammond Packing plant a special card was arranged for on which 25 books were to be issued at one time to one person, he distributing the books among the readers. This affords an opportunity for more frequent changes, and for learning what classes of books appeal to the readers. It was adopted from our method of issuing books to the fire department. Each fire station has a card, and the firemen select their own books, the number issued being regulated by the number of firemen at the station, and changed as often as desired.

The recorded issue of books at the various stations was 11,495 volumes. If to this were added the room use and the number issued from

stations which kept no record, a fair idea of the value of the stations could be gained.

	No. pupils registered.	No. Vols.	No. months.	Issue.
*Humboldt school	697	400	7	4,862
**South Park	410	300	8	2,690
Floyd	357	300	8	1,483
Bliss	389	200	5	1,474
Maxwell	86	200	7	830
Pettepier	29	94	6	Not rep'rted
Detention Home	...	...	..	Not rep'rted
Rescue Home	...	...	..	Not rep'rted

*Station closed April 1, on account of sickness in school, and not reopened.

**Station closed two weeks on account of sickness in school.

A copy of Vlastos' History of the United States, in modern Greek, was placed in the library. Being little used it was taken to the foreman of one of the shoe shining shops operated by young Greeks. These boys read it with avidity, and in one year it has been in seven shops, and read by 37 boys. Desiring to ascertain what was gained from the book the writer asked one little fellow who had been in this country but a few months, what he liked best. "Fighting" (meaning battles). "Which fighting?" "With the Spanishers. Didn't we lick 'em!" He already talks of the United States as "us." And the demand is for more books.

The library took part in the city charter campaign in the late summer by securing and circulating thirty-five copies of the proposed law. They were in constant use. In connection with the activities of the Anti-Tuberculosis League, special reading lists of helpful books were prepared and published in the local newspapers. The books, placed on the current events table the week preceding Tuberculosis Sunday, were largely used.

CHILDREN AND THE LIBRARY

	1910	1905
Central library	45,866	32,615
Carnegie branch	8,828	4,191
School supplementary reading	23,124	12,070
School deposit stations	11,339	....
Total circulation	89,157	48,876

Prior to the fiscal year ending in 1905, no separate record was kept of use of children's books. The growth since then has been steady. Despite the opening of school deposit stations, the books for which were from this department, the children's room at Central Library has shown a constant increase in use until last year. Statistics for the current year show 45,866 volumes issued, a decrease of 3,576, largely due to the deposit stations and the epidemic of chicken pox and measles. Increased issue at deposit stations was 5,042.

The rearrangement of the room, made at the time of putting on the new floor covering, is a notable improvement. Better provision is made for supervision, and the appearance of the room is decidedly better.

Miss McCoy, children's librarian at the Central Library, reports as follows:

The most gratifying feature of the year's work was the increase in reference work, both with teachers and pupils. The new reference books added have been the greatest help. Selected books set aside on special shelves for use of teachers in the lower grades have been in constant use. Miss Burris, primary supervisor of the public schools, has shown her interest in the work, and acknowledgment is made for outlines in language study and geography which made it possible to have ready each month book lists and timely reference reserves.

With a view to arousing interest in a higher class of stories for boys and girls, annotated lists were made, and the use of these exceeded our expectations. A shelf of books of standard authors borrowed from the adult department, was another means used to interest children in the best reading.

The usual monthly bulletins were posted, with special bulletins for topics of timely interest, such as North Pole, Airships, Comets, etc.

As will be seen by Miss Senter's report, use of this department at Carnegie branch is more pleasing than last year, on account of improved conditions among the people.

The use of the children's library, 89,157 volumes issued, is 43.1 per cent of the total. It is an increase of 4,355 over last year.

REFERENCE

Demands upon the reference department constantly grow. Every effort is made to meet all legitimate inquiries. Under Miss Kerr a number of changes have been made, notable among which was a rearrangement of reference periodicals. A premature announcement by a friendly reporter through his newspaper that the library had opened a new department, the Bureau of Information, and that any question would be answered over the telephone, simply swamped the force for a number of days. While a large proportion of the questions asked were of no consequence, the publication unquestionably proved of value to the library. Few questions of importance remained unanswered. The variety of topics covered caused an immediate strengthening of various divisions.

Growth in the use of the department by out-of-town residents is somewhat remarkable. As heretofore, requests for help from nearby colleges are granted if possible. It was found necessary, however, to curtail somewhat the borrowing privilege previously extended these institutions, especially as relating to reference books. Work with students of Tarkio, Park, Westminster, William Jewell and Camden colleges is noted, as well as the schools of Cameron, Savannah, Mound City and other places.

Little value is attached to the records of table use, as only a portion of the books used in the library are left on tables to be counted. By far the greater use of the reference department is by students, club workers, and others who replace the volumes used in their proper places, or upon the special reserve shelves. Books left upon tables numbered 27,084.

	1910.		1905.	
	Volumes.	Use.	Volumes.	Use.
Number of volumes and use	8,412	23,124	3,027	12,070

The collection of books provided by the School District for supplementary reading numbers 8,412 volumes, a growth of 1,231. Circulation was 23,124, a gain of 2,210. As the books are retained an average of six weeks, and many teachers take but one-half as many books as they have pupils, the real use was probably 40 to 50 per cent greater.

Five deposit stations in schools, with 1,400 volumes, showed an issue of 11,339 volumes. No account is kept of use in school buildings.

The opening of the new branch will release the books from the Humboldt school station, and it is hoped to add sufficiently to this number to permit the opening of two stations in other districts.

CATALOGUING DEPARTMENT

Despite limitations and some disorganization, a great deal of work was accomplished in this department. Cataloguing the books for the new branch interfered somewhat with the revision of the catalog of the Central Library, but classification of all titles duplicated for the branch were revised. The classification, changes and records were under Miss Martin, as heretofore, and Miss Reichert, with one assistant for six months, and under the general supervision of Miss Kerr, reference librarian, was in charge of cards. Typewritten cards numbered 6,125; Library of Congress and other printed cards, 13,304; total, 19,428. Cards for the publications of the United States Geological survey to the number of 3,521 were purchased from the Library of Congress, and it was hoped to have these filled out and filed, but it was found impossible. These are not included in the above total.

Each year the school superintendent selects a number of titles of books for professional and academic studies, and teachers reading one title from each list and passing a satisfactory examination thereon are granted an increase of salary of $2.50 a month. The library duplicates these titles liberally, and it is hardly necessary to say that all are in constant use.

Special school cards are now held by 353 teachers, and their use is general. A gratifying proportion of the increase in the 300 class is credited to teachers, especial attention having been given to the purchase of educational books.

BINDING AND REPAIRING

The number of books bound or rebound was 3,738, at a cost of $1,888.66, or an average cost of 50.5 cents. This is an increase over former years, occasioned by the fact that better material was used, and that 772 volumes of magazines were bound, a larger number than heretofore. No record is kept of the number of volumes repaired in the library, but an estimate from the daily average places this at 27,263. This work includes everything from the repair of a damaged page to replacing an entire cover.

CARNEGIE BRANCH

More settled conditions in a business way in the southern part of the city was reflected in better use of Carnegie branch library. A notable increase is shown in the use of the branch by children, the direct result of the employment of fewer foreigners in the industrial plants. The same improvement is noted in school attendance.

Miss Senter, librarian in charge of this branch, reports as follows:

The branch now contains 7,404 volumes, 590 being added during the year. This number includes additions by gift, by purchase, transferred from the main library (four in number), and one volume added to the duplicate pay collection. There were also sixteen pamphlets added. To the circulating departments belong 5,949 volumes, to the reference department 1,455 volumes. The juvenile department contains 1,623 volumes, 88 of which are reference. One hundred and eight books were cancelled and withdrawn during the year. Of this number 76 were worn out, 11 burned on account of contagious diseases, 7 lost and paid for, 12 missing last year and 2 transferred to the main library for the Washington Park branch.

The number of registrations for the year was 614, of which number 373 were new members and 241 renewals. Adults 287, children 327. One hundred sixty-seven non-fiction cards were issued. Eight cards were cancelled this year. The number of cards now in force is 1,377.

The number of books issued for home use for the year was 20,589, an increase of 542 over last year, with an increase in the juvenile department of 923. While the adulut department falls 381 below last year, the distinct gain in several classes indicates a broadening in the scope of reading and a noticeable decrease in the percentage of fiction.

The number of young readers is steadily increasing.

Use of the library by students of all classes is growing. The number of persons using the reference rooms, aside from the Sunday readers and visitors, was 10,275, a daily average of 33. The number of Sunday readers and visitors was 4,367 for the year, an average of 84. The number of books used as reference was 7,780. Reference lists upon the following subjects were in use during the year: Out-door books, Electricity, George Eliot, Arctic explorations, Forestry, American railroads, American writers 1776-1850, 1850-1900, St. Joseph and the Pony Express.

January 28, 1910, a station was established at the Swift packing house. But little can be said of this undertaking, as it has been in operation but three months The number of books circulated for that period was 156; fiction 73 per cent

NEW LIBRARY LAW

When the so-called new charter for St. Joseph (properly, law governing cities of the first class) was being drafted, a chapter devoted to libraries was submitted by the librarian, with the approval of the Library Board. A provision for increase of the library tax by a vote of the people was stricken out. Instead it was provided that not less than a certain proportion

of taxes should be set aside annually for the library. Other provisions clarifying some business details were approved. St. Joseph is the only city in the state with this special public library law, all others being under the general laws.

IN GENERAL

Receipts from pay collection of fiction were $405.15. The collection now contains 321 volumes, 245 having been added, 228 transferred to free collection, and four lost and paid for. Receipts cover cost of purchase and rebinding all volumes transferred to free collection, while the penalties on overdue books cover cost of care, etc.

The St. Joseph-Buchanan-Andrew County Medical Society has arranged to open a medical department in the library. The agreement is that the society shall purchase not to exceed 500 volumes of medical books and subscribe for twenty-five periodicals, all of which are to become the property of the library and to be circulated as are other books and periodicals. The library cares for, binds and issues these books and periodicals on regular library cards under the usual library regulations. Purchases are made by a committee from the society, all accessions being subject to approval of the library committee. The experiment will be watched with some interest.

Unsatisfactory under almost any condition, and partially replaced by the deposit stations, the delivery stations again show a decreased use. Books issued through delivery stations, 3,880.

For the first time in years, Sunday use of the library shows a decline. The number of visitors was 16,076, to whom 10,928 volumes were issued. Sunday circulation statistics are as follows: Adult, Central, 5,236; branch, 1,270; children, Central, 3,322; branch, 1,100; total, 10,928. The libraries were open fifty-two Sundays.

The reading rooms maintain their popularity. Periodicals to the number of 274 are received at Central, 67 being gifts. Carnegie branch has 50, and Washington Park branch will have about the same number.

The current events table is of constant interest, following the important happenings of the world and locality. It is beginning to be regarded as a guide to reading for those desiring to keep pace with things as they happen. Stars and comets, with especial reference to Halley's comet, just now occupy the general mind.

Service has been rendered a number of smaller libraries in the West by the loan of books for their patrons, the libraries assuming all responsibility. Acknowledgment is made to the Kansas Historical Society library, the St. Louis public library, John Crerar library, and the Congressional library for courtesies. Through the courtesy of the libraries named it has been possible to meet the wants of students here at little expense.

Recognizing the news value of matters connected with the library, all newspapers of the city have been most liberal in the publications of book lists and special articles furnished, as well as treating of minor matters by the editorial staffs. All the publications in the city are to be found on file in the reading room, gifts of the publishers.

For the annual convention of the International Typographical Union eld in St. Joseph last August, the library offered to co-operate with pubshers of the leading daily newspapers of the country in furnishing the deleates news from home. About 146 newspapers were received and placed n the reading room, and announcement made at the convention of the rrangement. At the close of the convention, the newspapers were tied in undles and placed in the hands of the delegates to look over on their way ome. That the action of the publishers and the library was appreciated vas proven by the many pleasant words, notes received, and by a vote of hanks.

WASHINGTON PARK BRANCH

Delay in the erection of Washington Park branch, caused by an early nd hard winter, was a matter of deep disappointment. The building is ow rapidly nearing completion, and it is hoped to have it open and in use vithin a few weeks.

The building, in so-called modern classic style, 52x78 feet, is located n Washington Park (which was extended for that purpose), with beautiul surroundings. It is of red brick, with stone and copper trimmings, slate oof, construction being reinforced concrete. Equipments are modern in very particular, the stack being of steel. The charging desk was planned specially for the building, with a view to ease and economy of administraion. Illustrations accompanying show the building and interior arrangenent. A high basement contains an auditorium with a seating capacity of ver 200, a club room 26 feet square, rooms for staff and janitor, park ools, furnace and fuel rooms, and men's toilet. The main floor is devoted ntirely to library purposes, with every convenience and well lighted. The loor is of patent construction, doing away with the necessity for linoleum r cork. Estimated cost of building and equipments, $26,000.00.

To date 2,749 volumes have been purchased for the branch, 322 ransferred from Central library, 180 volumes periodicals bound, and all are ready for use. One hundred sixty-four volumes are in the bindery, and 316 volumes ordered have been shipped, all of which are expected to be on shelves on opening day, giving a total of about 3,700 volumes.

The selection of books was made with especial reference to the community to be served. As the packing and live stock industry was and is the feature of Carnegie branch, extra attention has been given electrical and general mechanical books.

Books in Chivers' and reinforced bindings were given the preference in purchase in every instance. Periodicals in reference department are bound n pigskin.

A small reserve is held in the book fund for meeting any emergency which might arise.

The stacks and furniture were furnished, under competition, by the Library Bureau.

IN CONCLUSION

The accompanying tables cover the details of expenses, growth, circulation, donations, etc.

It is with not a little pleasure that I acknowledge the hearty co-operation of each member of the library staff. A great deal of extra work has been accomplished, and to their cheerful willingness is this due. To the Board of Directors acknowledgment is made for many courtesies.

Respectfully submitted,

PURD B. WRIGHT,

Librarian.

State of Missouri,
County of Buchanan } ss.

Before me, Clara B. Davis, a notary public in and for the county aforesaid, personally appeared Purd B. Wright, Librarian of the Public Library of the City of St. Joseph, Mo., and made oath that the facts and figures submitted are correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Given under my hand and seal this 9th day of May, 1910.

(Seal) CLARA B. DAVIS,

My commission expires June 1, 1910. Notary Public.

I—LIBRARY STATISTICS

BOOK ACCOUNT

Number of volumes reported April 30, 1909			46,177
Additions for fiscal year:			
By purchase	6,021		
By transfer, from duplicate collection	228		
By periodicals bound	492		
By donations, accessioned, and Govt. Docs	637	7,378	
Withdrawals:			
Worn out, burned, etc	671		
Lost or damaged and paid for	55		
Lost and not paid for	14		
Unaccounted for last year	124	864	6,514
Number of volumes now in library			52,691

SCHOOL SUPPLEMENTARY READING DEPARTMENT

Number of volumes reported April 30, 1909			7,181
Additions for fiscal year		1,287	
Withdrawals:			
Worn out, lost, etc.	53		
Transferred to schools	3	56	
Net increase for year			1,231
Number of volumes in school collection			8,412
Number of volumes in library			61,103

ACCESSIONS AND WITHDRAWALS CLASSIFIED, 1909-1910

Class.	Accessions.	Withdrawals.	Net Gain.
General	101	3	98
Philosophy	102	4	98
Religion	270	8	262
Sociology (inc. pub. docs.)	698	10	688
Language	122	36	86
Natural science	305	22	283
Useful arts	508	23	485
Fine arts	365	16	349
Literature	578	60	518
Travel	389	17	372
Biography	414	9	405
History	551	17	534
Periodicals (R. L.)	740	5	735
Children's stories	931	297	634
Fiction (inc. duplicate collection)	1,304	337	967
Totals	7,378	864	6,514

CONTENTS OF LIBRARY CLASSIFIED, 1909-1910

Class.	As reported 1909.	Net gain 1910.	As reported 1910.	Scho Collecti 1910
General	1,117	98	1,215	....
Philosophy	444	98	542	....
Religior	1,295	262	1,557	15(
Sociology	2,993	480	3,473	45(
U. S. public documents	3,610	208	3,818	....
Language	364	86	450	1,81
Natural science	1,623	283	1,906	78
Useful arts	1,630	485	2,115	3
Fine arts	1,302	349	1,651	....
Literature	3,370	518	3,888	1,49
Travel	2,563	372	2,935	66
Biography	2,633	405	3,038	78
History	3,732	534	4,266	93
Fiction (inc. children's stories)	14,279	735	15,880	1,293
Bound periodicals (R. L.)	5,222	1,601	5,957	....
Totals	46,177	6,514	52,691	8,41
Number volumes, circulating dept.	33,955		39,280	
Number volumes, reference dept.	12,222		13,411	

II—LIBRARY EXPENDITURES

(Not including Carnegie Washington Park building fund.)

Book account—Books		$6,615.64	
Periodicals	656.64		
Binding	1,888.66	$9,160.58	
Salaries, staff		9,394.71	
Heat and engineer		568.28	
Janitor service		1,083.00	
Printing and stationery		289.29	
Postage		85.04	
Repairs		232.50	
Insurance		121.00	
Furniture		237.90	
Telephone		72.00	
Electric light		139.40	
Catalog cards		182.14	
General		486.61	
Freight and express		81.47	
Delivery station expenses		87.00	$22,220

LIBRARY RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

RECEIPTS

Brought forward	$ 23.28	
From duplicate collection	405.55	
Penalties on over-due books	886.08	
Supplements	1.80	
Refund from Washington Park Branch, through city treasurer by warrant to Mr. Pfeiffer	18.00	
Refund on overpaid magazine bill	14.45	
Books lost and paid for	53.06	
Miscellaneous	59.23	$ 1,461

DISBURSEMENTS

Deposited secretary-treasurer		$1,110.00	
Incidental expenses:			
Freight and express.....	$81.47		
Postage	33.54		
Stationery	27.05		
Delivery station expenses	87.00		
Miscellaneous	95.02	324.08	
Balance forward		27.37	$ 1,461.45

III—CIRCULATION

Class	Main Library		Carnegie Branch		School Collection	School Stations	Other Stations	Total	Per Cent
	Adult	Children	Adult	Children					
General	2,267	268	17	17	....	....	....	2,569	1.25
Philosophy ...	966	9	81	1	....	....	....	1,057	.50
Religion	1,387	353	90	41	526	174	3	2,574	1.24
Sociology	1,352	771	121	217	1,475	217	1	4,154	2.00
Language	149	1,819	8	633	6,157	673	....	9,439	4.56
Nat'l science..	1,152	1,004	273	423	2,093	860	2	5,807	2.80
Useful arts ..	2,949	287	625	103	86	143	9	4,202	2.01
Fine arts	2,062	757	212	294	....	176	2	3,503	1.70
Literature	4,003	1,288	549	419	2,595	430	3	9,287	4.49
Travel	2,159	1,876	459	573	2,088	998	11	8,164	3.94
Biography ...	1,881	1,068	285	244	1,944	376	6	5,804	2.88
History	2,053	2,155	494	598	2,582	1,065	5	8,952	4.33
Current mag's	3,386	71	299	....	....	....	....	3,756	1.82
Child's stories	....	34,140	....	5,265	....	6,227	....	45,632	22.08
Fiction	79,830	....	8,248	....	3,578	....	114	91,770	44.4
Totals ...	105,596	45,866	11,761	8,828	23,124	11,339	156	206,670	100.00

TOTAL CIRCULATION BY MONTHS

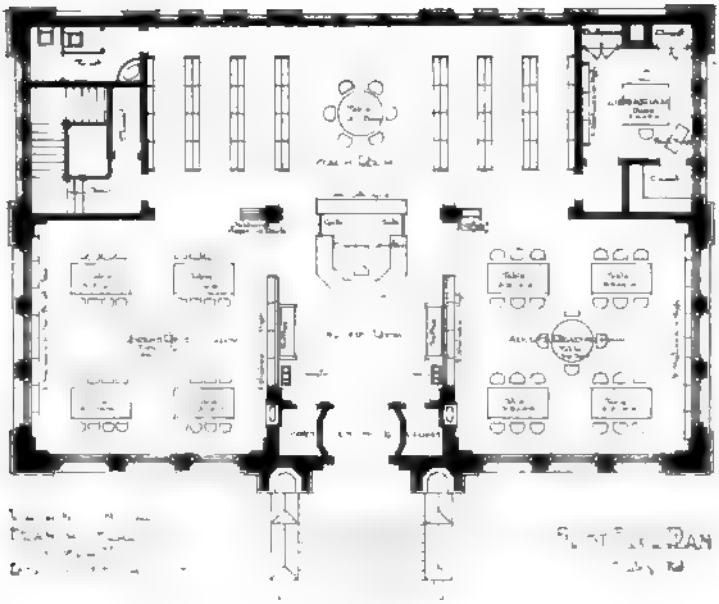
	Main Dept.	Juvenile Dept.	Sup. Reading	Carnegie Branch	Deposit Stations	Swift Dep. Station	Total
May	8,370	4,025	1,921	1,408	768	.....	16,492
June	8,189	4,241	.....	1,341	.....	.....	13,771
July	8,758	4,323	.....	1,414	.....	.....	14,495
August	8,388	3,863	.....	1,489	.....	.....	13,740
September	7,888	2,721	1,829	1,349	.....	.....	13,787
October	8,479	3,401	3,166	1,698	1,081	.....	17,825
November	8,894	4,105	2,506	1,960	2,104	.....	19,569
December	7,833	3,298	1,308	1,700	1,700	.....	15,839
January	10,153	3,772	4,078	2,100	1,595	.....	21,698
February	10,004	4,266	2,414	2,189	1,761	62	20,696
March	9,340	4,172	2,992	2,100	1,467	78	20,149
April	9,300	3,679	2,910	1,841	863	16	18,609
Totals	105,596	45,866	23,124	20,589	11,339	156	206,670

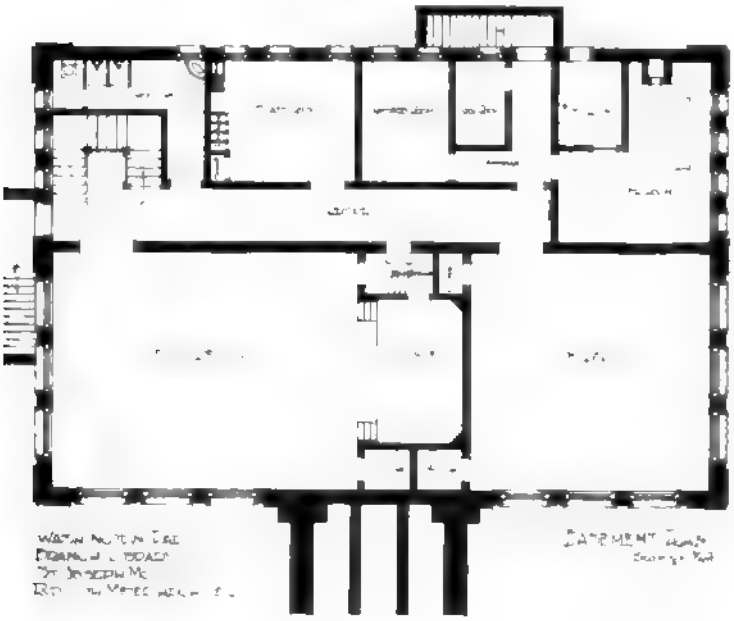
SUMMARY AND GENERAL STATISTICS

Number of days open		359½
Average daily issue		634
Average Sunday issue		210
Total circulation for year:		
Adult	117,513	
Children	89,157	206,670
Total circulation, March 21, 1891-date		2,527,461
Number registered card holders		8,694
School and station card holders		2,191
School pupils reached directly through supplementary readers		9,561

IV.—DONORS AND DONATIONS

	Volumes.	Pamphlets
Abbott, Dr. E. Stanley, Waverley, Mass	1	...
Atwill, J. W	...	5
Atwill & Hyatt	10	...
American Prison Association	11	...
American Woman's League, subscription, Woman's National Daily	...	...
Association of Life Insurance Presidents, New York	...	6
Beatty, John W., Pittsburg, Pa	1	...
Bittinger, Maj. John L., miscellaneous papers and numbers	...	...
Bittinger, Maj. John L	66	...
Boteler, Dr. W. C	6	...
Brewster, A. W	82	...
H. Brinsmade, Sec. Society of Colonial Wars, Missouri	1	...
Bullard, Rev. Henry	29	...
Casson, Herbert N., Pinehill N. Y	1	...
Carus, Dr. Paul, Chicago, Ill	1	...
Chilton, Rev. C. M	3	...
Cleary, Dr.	30	...
Combe Printing Co	55	...
D. A. R., St. Joseph Chapter	2	...
Densmore, Emmet, New York	2	..
Donovan Cup Committee	3	...
Ellis, George B., Sec. Mo. State Board of Agriculture	1	...
Farnsworth, Edmund C., Portland, Me	1	...
Fulkerson, F. B	58	...
Garrett, Lida Bell	1	...
Gift, unknown	1	...
Gillette, King C., Boston, Mass	1	...
Gleed, C. S., Pres. Mo. & Kan. Tel. Co., Kansas City	1	...
Gordon, John P., State Auditor	1	...
Hildebrand, E.	1	...
Hisponic Society of America, New York	2	...
Hoard, W. D., Hon., Ft. Atkinson, Wis	1	...
Hyatt, C. C	2	...
Illinois Engineering Pub. Co., subscription	...	...
Illinois Historical Society	3	...





Iron Age	1	..
Joseph Lodge No. 73, I. O. B. B.	5	..
Judson, Mrs. Winslow	100	..
Kansas Board of Agriculture	1	..
Karnes, J. H	32	..
Loving, Mrs. Mabel Florence B	15	2,00
Loyd, E. H	...	2
Lytle, Mrs. M. A	11	2
McDonald, John W., Ogden, Utah	5	
Mann, Jas. H., Tolsington, Pa	1	..
Mayer, Emanuel	4	..
Means, Joseph	3	..
Minnesota State University	9	..
Missouri Bureau of Mines	5	..
Missouri, Secretary of State	6	..
Moffat, R. Burnham, New York	1	..
Moss, Miss Catherine C	1	..
Moss, Mrs. J. B	1	..
Nelson-Hanne Ptg. Co	1	.
Newburger, B	2	.
News-Press	1	.
New York, Commission of Agriculture	1	.
Oklahoma, Departments	4	.
Olvey, E. E	60	1
Owen, Miss Luella	...	2
Plato, Mr. Roland	2	.
Reddish, Mrs. R. A	...	
Reisinger, Hugo, New York	1	.
Rollins, Ed. T., New York	1	.
Sadler, Wilbur F., Adjutant-General of New Jersey	1	.
St. Joseph Clearing House Association	1	.
San Francisco, Citizens Herald Com	1	.
School District	2	.
Sherwood, W. E	1	.
Southern Pacific Railroad	1	
Stone, Hon. W. J., Washington, D. C	1	
Taylor, Ed. M	...	
Towle Mfg. Co., Newburyport, Mass	1	
U. S. Brewers' Association, New York	2	
U. S., Departments, 8 maps	254	
University of Maryland	1	
Waddell, St. Louis, Mo	1	
Ware, E. F., Topeka, Kan	1	
Western Fruit-Grower, plants	...	
Wiltsee, Jerome, Falls City, Neb	1	
Willson, Jennie K	1	
Wyatt, J. C	10	
Wyeth, Mrs. Parker	...	
Young, B. F	25	

LIBRARY EXCHANGES

Armour Institute of Technology, Chicago; Atlanta (Ga.) Carnegie library; Berkshire (Mass.) Athenaeum; Brooklyn (N. Y.) public library; Buffalo (N. Y.) public library; Burlington (Ia.) public library; Cong. library, Lexington, Mass.; Cedar Rapids (Ia.) public library; Chicago (Ill.) public library; Cleveland (O.) public library; Clinton (Ia.) public library; Council Bluffs (Ia.) public library; Davenport (Ia.) public library; Dayton (O.) public library; Decatur (Ill.) public library; Denver (Colo.) public library; Detroit (Mich.) public library; District of Columbia public library; Duluth (Minn.) public library; Dubuque (Ia.) public library; DuQuesne (Pa.) public library; East Orange (N. J.) public library; Elizabeth (N. J.) public library; Enoch Pratt library, Baltimore, Md.; Erie (Pa.) public library; Evanston (Ill.) public library; Forbes library, Northampton, Mass.; Grand Rapids (Mich.) public library; Hartford (Conn.) public library; Haverill (Mass.) public library; Helena (Mont.) public library; Indiana public library commission; Iowa library commission; J. Herman Bosler library, Carlisle, Pa.; Jackson (Mich.) public library; Jersey City (N. J.) public library; John Crerar library, Chicago; Kansas City (Mo.) public library; Lawrence (Kan.) public library; Lawrence (Mass.) public library; Library Co. of Philadelphia; Library of Congress, Washington; Lincoln (Neb.) public library; Los Angeles (Cal.) public library; Louisville (Ky.) public library; Lynn (Mass.) public library; Mankato (Minn.) public library; Mercantile library, St. Louis; Milton (Mass.) public library; Milwaukee (Wis.) public library; Minnesota library commission; Missouri library commission; Nashville (Tenn.) public library; Nebraska library commission; Newark (N. J.) public library; New Haven (Conn.) public library; New Jersey library commission; New Orleans (La.) public library; Newton (Mass.) public library; New York (N. Y.) public library; New York state library; Omaha (Neb.) public library; Oregon library commission; Ottawa (Can.) Carnegie library; Ottumwa (Ia.) public library; Patterson (N. J.) public library; Pennsylvania free library commission; Peoria (Ill.) public library; Pittsburgh (Pa.) Carnegie library; Pratt institute free library; Brooklyn, N. Y.; Providence (R. I.) public library; Quincy (Ill.) public library; Rockford (Ill.) public library; Rosenberg library, Galveston, Tex.; St. Louis (Mo.) public library; Salem (Mass.) public library; San Antonio (Tex.) public library; San Francisco (Cal.) public library; Scranton (Pa.) public library; Seattle (Wash.) public library; Sedalia (Mo.) public library; Sioux City (Ia.) public library; Springfield (Mass.) public library; Syracuse (N. Y.) public library; Tacoma (Wash.) public library; Toledo (O.) public library; Toronto (Can.) public library; Trenton (N. J.) public library; Utica (N. Y.) public library; Westminster college, Fulton, Mo.; Western Reserve university, Cleveland; Wilmington Institute free library, Wilmington, Del.; Windsor (Can.) public library; Wisconsin library commission; Worcester (Mass.) public library.

LIBRARY STAFF

PURD B. WRIGHT ..... Librarian
LULU C. SENTER ..... Assistant Librarian
(In charge Carnegie Branch)
CLARA B. DAVIS ..... Stenographer
(In charge of Mail)

Departments

CATALOGING

EUDORA MARTIN — MARY REICHERT

REFERENCE

LILIAN C. KERR

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

BESSIE McCOY

ELIZABETH HULL ..... Assistant
And in charge Supplementary Reading

DESK ATTENDANTS

JESSIE M. GIBSON — JENNIE K. WILLSON — JOSEPH MANN

GENERAL

ANISE SANDFORD — MARTHA BROWN — BESSIE ALBUS

MESSENGER

STUART POULSON

Library Hours

CENTRAL

Daily except Sundays and holidays, 8:30 a. m. to 9 p. m.
Sundays, 1:30 to 6:30 p. m.

CARNEGIE BRANCH

Daily except Sundays and holidays, 10:00 a. m. to 9:00 p. m.
Sundays, 2:00 to 6:00 p. m.

WASHINGTON PARK BRANCH

Will have same hours Carnegie Branch from June 1.

DELIVERY STATIONS

Books called for at 9:00 a. m. Tuesdays and Fridays; delivered at 3:00 p. m.

Station 1—F. P. Moskau, 2002 St Joseph Avenue.

Station 2—J. M. Koch, 2613 Lafayette Street.

Station 3—D. W. Feltenstein, 1724 Commercial Street.

Station 4—Fred. Pierce, 1702 South Twenty-fourth Street.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

To the Board of Directors of the Public Library:

Gentlemen: Changes in the staff during the year were as follows: Miss Eleanor Rankin, appointed in October to fill vacancy created by promotions for the new branch, resigned in April to accept a more lucrative position in another calling; Leon Lyddon resigned from the messenger force, being replaced by Stuart Poulson. Miss Bessie Albus was promoted from substitute to the regular staff, Miss Martha Brown being appointed substitute, and promoted to regular staff on resignation of Miss Rankin. The vacancy in position of substitute will be filled as soon as examinations can be arranged for.

These changes, as well as sickness among the members of the official family, affected the work of the library, necessitating the abandonment of a number of plans.

Respectfully submitted,
CHAS. P. CARGILL,
CHAS. A. PFEIFFER,
W. E. WARRICK,
Administration Committee.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1910.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

To the Board of Directors of the Public Library:

Gentlemen: Occasioned by purchases for the new branch, the growth of the library for the fiscal year just closed was the largest in its history, accessions being greater than for the entire opening year of the library. The library proper now contains 52,691 volumes, the growth for the year being 6,514. Of these, 3,000 have been "dead stock" and will so continue until the opening of the new branch, being shelved separately and set aside.

Increases are noted in the use of every department of the library. While the gain in the number of books issued for home use is not large, it is a distinct advance. The librarian has called attention to the effect on the use of books of the unusually warm weather of March and early April, and of the epidemic of measles and chickenpox among the school children, extending from February to this time.

Care has been taken in the selection of books for Washington Park branch. This library will open with approximately 3,700 volumes. Owing to its distance from the Central library, the reference department will be unusually full, including 350 volumes of the more popular periodicals in sets.

An examination of the statistics accompanying these reports shows that of the net growth for the year but 967 volumes were adult fiction, of which

245 volumes were for the duplicate pay collection. Children's stories added numbered 634 volumes. Aside from the pay collection, fiction in all languages and children's stories formed 20 per cent of the accessions.

Three numbers of the Bulletin and three Special lists comprised the publications of the library.

For reasons reported by the librarian, an inventory was not taken this year. Hereafter the inventory will be made during the summer months, the least busy season of the year.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. MCCORD,
HENRY BULLARD,
J. W. ATWILL,
Library Committee.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1910.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the Board of Directors of the Public Library:

Gentlemen: An examination of the report of the Treasurer, and comparison thereof with the books of the City Auditor and Comptroller and the library records, shows it to be correct.

The apportionment by the Council for library purposes was $20,000: $14,500 for Central library, $3,000 for Carnegie branch, and $2,500 for Washington Park Branch. Collections being in excess of the estimates, $309.66 was added to the Central library funds and expended. Small balances remain in each branch fund, as will be seen by the report of the Treasurer, which will be carried forward to the coming year.

The subscription fund for Washington Park branch equipment and books, being slightly in excess of $2,800, was guaranteed for $2,500 by the Bank of North St. Joseph, through its president, Mr. E. A. King, on the letting of the contract for the building. Of the total subscribed, $2,299.00 has been collected and very little will remain unpaid on the completion of the building. Of this amount, $1,016.28 has been expended for books. A portion of the total will be added to the equipment fund, the remainder being used to purchase additional books, already ordered.

While rapidly nearing completion, but $20,000 of the gift of $25,000 from Mr. Carnegie has been drawn, of which $14,525.23 has been paid on the building.

The apportionment ordinance for 1910-11, passed by the Council April 25, carries the minimum amount for the Central library provided by the new city laws, $15,000; while $3,000 is provided for each of the branches—a total of $21,000.

Heretofore no report has been made of building expenses of Central library, borne by the School District, including repairs, proportion of heat,

ınitor and other miscellaneous items. The total for this year was 2,235.60, including a few strictly school items. Hereafter these expenses ill be noted annually.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. A. PFEIFFER,
SMITH A. PENNEY,
CHAS. P. CARGILL,
Finance Committee.

t. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1910.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

o the Board of Directors of the Public Library:

Gentlemen: In addition to the usual minor matters coming before this ›mmittee as shown in the detailed statement of expenditures, the children's ›om at Central library received much needed attention. This has been :arranged, greatly improving its appearance and facilitating the work. Not ıe least of the improvements was the replacing of the old floor covering of ıoleum with Petro-pulp, a sanitary covering made on the floor. One-half ıe expense was borne by the School District, which also had the corridors ›vered with the same material at its own expense.

About one-half the funds necessary for redecorating Carnegie branch 'ere reserved from this year's appropriation, and it is hoped to have this ork completed during the quiet period of the summer.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. WARRICK,
SMITH A. PENNEY,
M. F. BURKE,
Buildings and Grounds Committee.

:. Joseph, Mo., May 1, 1910.

SPECIAL BUILDING COMMITTEE

o the Board of Directors of the Public Library:

Gentlemen: It is a matter of keen regret that this report does not ıow the completion of Washington Park branch library, the gift of 25,000 by Mr. Carnegie for the erection of which was reported at the ose of the last fiscal year.

Immediately on its appointment in April, the committee was empow-red to secure plans for the new building. Local architects declining to ıter into competition for plans for the building, a satisfactory contract was ıtered into in May with Mr. Rudolph Meier, for preparing plans and ıperintending erection of the building.

Plans and specifications were submitted and approved Aug. 12, and n Sept. 1 contracts were awarded as follows: James E. Gates, general uilding contract, $20,447.00; Davidson & Roster, plumbing and heating, 1,594.30; Library Bureau, book stacks and furniture, $2,331.92.

Ground was broken for the new building, without formal ceremony, Sept. 9. In the absence of E. A. King, who had been prominent in securing the library and funds, the honor of digging the first shovel of earth was accorded Alderman George Meisner, the location being in the First Ward, and Mr. Meisner having been keenly interested. He was followed by G. D. Cartmell, then chairman of this committee, Alderman G. D. Morrison, Fred Ernst, of the North West Improvement Club, and other interested citizens.

Progress on the building was rapid until the latter part of November, when unseasonable weather stopped the work. It was anticipated that the building would be opened in February, but this was found impossible. It is hoped to turn the building over to the Library Board, ready for opening, within thirty days.

All minor contracts have been made, including seating for auditorium, lighting fixtures, etc. Total cost of building, equipped ready for books, will be about $25,750.

We here wish to acknowledge the time and careful attention given to the building by G. D. Cartmell, who was chairman of this committee until January, when his removal from the city caused his resignation as a member of the Library Board. Also the kindly interest manifested at all times by Mr. Thomas Shaffer, City Comptroller.

Respectfully submitted,

SMITH A. PENNEY,
W. E. WARRICK,
HENRY BULLARD,
CHAS. A. PFEIFFER,
CHAS. P. CARGILL,
Special Building Committee.

St. Joseph, Mo. May 1, 1910.

Twenty-first Annual Report

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St. Joseph, Missouri

1910-1911

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For the Year Ending
April 30, 1911

St. Joseph, Missouri
June, 1911

To the Honorable Mayor and the Common Council of the City of St. Joseph, Missouri:

Gentlemen: On behalf of the Board of Directors of the St. Joseph Public Library, I herewith transmit the report of the Public Library Department for the year beginning May 1, 1910, and ending April 30, 1911.

It is gratifying to report a steady growth within the institution and a corresponding increase in its usefulness to the citizens of St. Joseph. The work has been extended by means of the new Washington Park Branch and various items within this report are proof of the increased use of all three of the Libraries. There can be no estimate made of the value to this community of a good working library system, and but little idea can be expressed of the credit that is reflected upon St. Joseph throughout the country by means of the Library's excellent reputation.

Much remains to be accomplished in the way of furnishing practical books for those employed in our varied industries, in supplying the children of St. Joseph with more of the very best of juvenile reading and in equipping well our reference department to meet the increasing demands made upon it as a Bureau of Information for the entire city. Experience has shown us that we can scarcely advance with this increasing work without larger appropriation of funds and that each addition will yield returns out of all proportion to the amount appropriated.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. McCORD,
Vice-President.

June 8, 1911.

The Year's Work

The resignation of Mr. Purd B. Wright as Librarian of this Library and his acceptance of the position of Librarian of the Los Angeles, California, Public Library was by far the greatest change of the year. As one of the originators of the Public Library movement here in St. Joseph, as one of the struggling Library's first firm friends, and as its administrative head for fourteen years, Mr. Wright has accomplished a work of unique character and distinct success, bringing to him and to the Library worthy recognition from abroad.

Desiring to place on record their appreciation of Mr. Wright's services the Board of Library Directors adopted resolutions of esteem, of which the following is a part:

"Resolved, That we regret the severance of his connection with our Library after fourteen years of faithful administration of this institution, but congratulate him on his promotion to the position which gives him larger scope for his indefatigable efforts in promoting library work. His connection with our Library, practically from its inception, and his wonderful devotion to its upbuilding have called forth the greatest admiration and approval of our people. Each one of us feels that he has sustained a personal loss in the removal of Mr. Wright from our city, and in his new home we, individually and collectively, wish him the highest success."

It has been a rare pleasure to succeed so worthy a Librarian in a well-organized, active and practical Library. The loyal support of an interested, broad-thinking Board of Directors, the enthusiastic assistance of a hard-working staff, the thoughtfulness of Library patrons and friends, the harmonious conditions both within and without the Library, and the courtesies extended to the Library by members of the press have made these first few months pleasant ones for the present Librarian. For this splendid support no mere formal expression of appreciation can suffice.

Since the new appointment was made for July 15, 1910, and Mr. Wright's resignation took effect on the 31st of July, this report covers three months of the latter's administration.

The new Washington Park Branch was opened informally on June 27, 1910, and its marked success has far exceeded all expectations. Details of the construction and arrangement of the building

may be found in the preceding annual report. Visiting librarians have declared it to be of unusual value for the money invested. The surrounding community has responded with enthusiasm in its use of the Library. All home circulating books have been issued on an average of more than six times in the ten months, and it is interesting to note that the juvenile circulation has exceeded the adult circulation.

Important changes have been made in the rules and regulations for the loan of books in all of the Libraries. At the loan desk much red tape, so annoying to patrons, has been removed. The use of the guarantor's signature for all adult applicants has been deemed unnecessary here in St. Joseph and has been no longer required. The beneficial effects of this new rule have been greater than anticipated. No loss has been felt by the Library. The percentage of new applicants has greatly increased and the Library has gained unknown numbers of new friends and firmer old friends by the innovation. Patrons may now draw more than two books at a time, instead of being limited to the former number of two. Borrowers' cards are not subject to renewal until the expiration of four years, instead of two, as under the previous rules.

Considerable attention has been given to arousing further interest in the Library by advertising the Library's assets and its new liberal policies. The newspapers of the city have done their full share of this, and the Library has printed and distributed simple, concise statements of regulations and suggestions. The most unusual method was a series of window displays, consisting of books, posters and the various publications of the Library, in a prominent down town office building on a busy street corner. The posters called the passer-by's attention to the funds of the Library, to the source of these funds, to a comparison of the funds of other departments with those of the Library and of other cities with St. Joseph; to special collections of books on industrial subjects; to books dealing with live questions of the day, etc. This display produced probably more immediate results in increased registration than any one other method.

This year, for the first time, an apprentice class has been trained in the Library. Five girls passed the entrance examination and will finish the six months' course on the 5th day of May. The work has been under the direct supervision of Mrs. Rush, and practical instruction has been given in the different departments. Lectures by the Librarian and heads of departments were also given to the class and various members of the staff three times a week. Unusual ability has been developed during the course, and two of

the five will seek further library training next year in regular library schools.

Another innovation in the St. Joseph Library, new as a regular feature, was the Story Hour. The intention was to attract new patrons from the children of the city and to suggest to them better reading through the stories. Care was taken not to carry the feature too far, thereby stinting the influence of the Story Hour and robbing the Library of valuable time. At the Main Library eight stories were told in January and February, but at both of the branches the stories were continued into the month of March. For each story the invitation was limited to a certain school district for the purpose of regulating and placing a premium upon the attendance. Fairy tales and folk stories were told to children of eight years and under, while Norse myths and German legends were told to the older boys and girls. The total attendance at the stories for the three Libraries was 2,614 children.

The Library was represented by Mr. Wright at the 1910 conference of the American Library Association, held in July at Mackinac Island, Michigan, and by the present Librarian and Miss Martin at the Missouri Library Association meeting held at Springfield, Missouri, in November.

A certain wise man once stated that there were three kinds of lies, namely, lies, lies and statistics. In this report there has been an attempt to avoid an uninteresting array of these three classes of misleading statements. However, a few figures may serve to indicate the present standing of the St. Joseph Library and of its progress during the past year. Special note should be made of the increases in circulation and registration, the circulation per capita for the entire population and the work of the Washington Park Branch.

Total number of volumes, April 30, 1911	57,309
Number of volumes added during the year	5,397
Total circulation of books for home use	230,475
Increase in circulation over previous year	23,805
Population of St. Joseph	77,403
Circulation per capita	2.97
Percentage of fiction circulated	67
Total number of registered borrowers	11,371
Increase in number of registered borrowers	2,680
Total circulation at Carnegie Branch	23,488
Increase in circulation at Carnegie Branch	2,743
Total circulation at Washington Park Branch	28,108
Circulation per borrower at Washington Park Branch	20.97
Average loan of each book at Washington Park Branch	6

Office. Few changes in the staff outside of the position of Librarian were made during the year. The transfer of Miss Senter from the position of Librarian of the Carnegie Branch to the Main Library to take charge of the recataloging work was of importance. The faithfulness, enthusiasm and ability with which Miss Senter has promoted the work in Carnegie Branch since 1903 has been of an unusual order and deserving of high commendation. Miss Louise Randall, a graduate of the Wisconsin Library School, was secured in July as a special cataloguer, but in January she was promoted to the position held by Miss Senter at Carnegie Branch. The position of Branch Librarian has been made of more importance, and greater responsibility has been given to those who have been so appointed. Miss Sandford was appointed Librarian of the Washington Park Branch at its opening in June, and Miss Brown was transferred as an assistant to the same branch and given special charge of the children's work. Miss Marjorie Adriance, late of the St. Louis Public Library, was appointed a general assistant in August.

A vacation of a month, instead of two weeks, has been granted to the members of the staff, and also one day each month for sick leave. The number of hours per week has been reduced from forty-eight to forty-four hours, allowing a half day off each week without extra work.

A lunch and rest room was attractively furnished in November and has increased the general comfort of the staff.

New postal forms for notices, fine requests, etc., were drawn up and printed. Constant use has been made of the new staff bulletin board. Two new typewriters, typewriter desks and chairs and various other pieces of furniture, including two bulletin boards and a vertical file case were purchased for use at the Main Library.

Through the courtesy of Schroeder's book store artistic post cards of the Library buildings and interiors were placed on the market. At Christmas time holiday greetings from the Board of Directors, the Librarian and Staff in the form of attractively printed cards were distributed among the Library patrons.

Five original paintings, together with the books which they illustrated, were loaned to the Library in December by the Houghton Mifflin Publishing Company of Boston, Massachusetts, for an exhibition of unusual interest.

The additions of books for the year by purchase numbered 4,412, by periodicals bound 454, and by gifts 731, making a total of

5,397. A total of 779 damaged and lost books were withdrawn. The total number of 57,309 books in the Library at the close of this report does not include the 10,383 books in the School Supplementary Reading Collection furnished by the School Board. The number of volumes rebound by binderies in St. Joseph was 2,630, at a cost of $1,358.82.

During the year several valuable donations of books were made to the Library by citizens of St. Joseph and outside friends. Among the donors of the more notable gifts were: Rev. Henry Bullard, Mr. Stoughton Walker, Mr. Francis B. Purdie, Dr. Daniel Morton, Mr. W. W. Wheeler, Mr. J. C. Wyatt, Mr. E. S. Douglas, Mrs. James N. Burnes, Miss Irma Kraft, Mr. Purd B. Wright and the St. Joseph Ad Club.

Reference Department. The report of the work of the Reference Department for the past year is most gratifying. The remarkable growth in the use of the reference books by out-of-town residents continues, students coming from Tarkio, Camden Point, Mound City, Cameron, Highland, Savannah and elsewhere, while many questions have been received and answered through the mail.

The work with the clubs, the missionary societies, debating societies, high school and grammar schools has increased. Aside from this is the constant demand upon the department by those who are looking up questions of daily occurrence.

A number of new books have been added to the collection. Among them are Nelson's Perpetual Loose-Leaf Encyclopedia, Hasting's Encyclopedia of Religion and Ethics, The Documentary History of American Industrial Society, Julian's Dictionary of Hymnology, Almanach de Gotha, American Yearbook, Mudge and Sear's Thackeray Dictionary, the works of Schiller, Goethe, Macaulay,

Bret Harte, and Moliere in good editions, the supplement to the Century Dictionary, The South in the Building of the Nation, Monroe's Cyclopedia of Education, Proceedings and Yearbook of the Playground Association and Moorehead's Stone Age of North America.

Many special lists of books and articles on topics of interest have been made and several have been printed for general distribution. An extended list prepared for the use of the Boy Scouts of America was especially well received, until the list was reprinted by the Minnesota Library Commission. Other lists treated of flower parades, playgrounds, southern reading, liquor problem, deep waterway to the gulf, good fiction seldom read, bedtime stories, medical inspection of schools, home building, practical books for practical boys, etc.

The St. Joseph newspapers have been clipped of items of local interest and filed by subject. Only a small use has been made of this feature.

To increase the use of the Library as a "free university" and to encourage a systematic study of special subjects, forms were printed to secure the names of those who desired to pursue courses of reading and to get an idea of the amount of reading already done. Below these items space was left for the reference librarian to recommend other books to be read in a certain prescribed order. This plan was appreciated at once, and its success was immediate.

Children's Department. The circulation of juvenile books for home reading for the past year shows a slight decrease at the Main Library, due entirely to the opening of the Washington Park Branch, which greatly relieved congested conditions at our present quarters for the children. However, in several other lines the work has met with very gratifying results.

There has been a noticeable increase in the reference work with the children of the fifth and sixth grades, and a decided increase in the circulation of non-fiction books, due to the granting

of non-fiction cards to the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades. More liberal privileges were granted to the teachers, who made a far greater use of the books in their class rooms.

The school stations, four in number and two less than the previous year, have given much satisfaction. Instruction in the use of books has been given to both teachers and pupils, and plans are being made for extending this work next year.

The collection of 10,383 supplementary reading books provided by the School district and distributed by the Library reached a total circulation of 22,009. To this collection 2,148 new volumes were added since the last report.

Preceding the Christmas holidays an exhibition of attractive editions of books recommended as gifts for children was held in the main lobby. The collection was later transferred to the children's room, where it is shelved as a permanent exhibit for the use of parents and teachers. Another exhibit of unusual interest was made of Boy Scout books, bulletins and paraphernalia secured largely from Glasgow, Scotland.

The success of the Story Hour in its restricted use, as mentioned before, cannot be doubted. The average attendance at the Main Library was 103.

Loan Department. Previous note has been made of the important changes in the rules for the loan of books. New regulations were also made regarding the collection of fines, the registration signature, the reservation of non-fiction, the filing of cards and the exchange of books on the same day as borrowed.

A loose leaf binder containing a record of the new books in classified order was arranged as a good substitute for the quarterly bulletin formerly printed for distribution. The demand for the bulletin was not sufficient to warrant the expense of printing and mailing it. The heavy turnstiles at the Loan desk were removed.

Among the circulation statistics it was found that the largest monthly circulation of books occurred during the month of March, and that the number of books circulated on Sunday amounted to 9,166. In a comparison of the largest classes of books of non-fiction read at the three Libraries it is of interest to note that the Main Library led in literature, Carnegie Branch in history and Washington Park Branch in travel.

Catalogue Department. Library of Congress cards have been used whenever possible, except in the children's department, for which the cards have been typewritten. The Cleveland and Pittsburgh Library cards have been used as models for the latter, and many analytics have been made to facilitate the work in that Department.

All of the cards for the Washington Park Branch were written and filed before the opening day. Cards for the publications of the U. S. Geological Survey were prepared and filed. Besides the cataloging of new titles the work of recataloging certain classes of the older books has been continued with considerable progress.

Such changes as the discontinuance of the listing of all new titles for the Bulletin, the revision of the catalogue rules in dropping several non-essential points of detail, and abandoning the record of the number of written cards were made.

Carnegie Branch. Carnegie Branch closed its ninth year with an excellent report of growth in every department. During the year 507 books were added to the collection, making a total number of 7,791 volumes. The total circulation amounted to 23,488 books, an increase of 2,743 over last year. The number of borrowers now using the Library is 1,462, and with the former figures it is estimated that every borrower has taken an average of 16

books during the year. The new rules which went into effect in March account for the splendid gain over previous years. It is interesting to note, however, that the closing of the Library two evenings and one morning a week since July has not affected the circulation in the least.

The books circulating from the children's room numbered 9,864 volumes, a gain of 1,036 over last year. Special attention has been given to this work by Miss Randall with splendid success. The Story Hour has been featured for the lower grades, and the interest shown by the teachers and patrons as well as by the children themselves has been very encouraging.

There was a noticeable increase in reference work. The work of reclassifying the old books and of changing the shelf list from sheets to cards has been carried on as rapidly as the pressure of current work allowed. An attempt has been made to create greater interest in the station at the Swift plant. There were 464 books issued there during the year.

Washington Park Branch. The informal opening of the new building occurred on June 23, 1910, and four days later books were issued to 141 registered readers. Within ten months the registrations increased to 1,340, and the circulation of books for home use reached the number of 28,108, making an average use of 20.97 books for each borrower. This figure of 20.97 books per borrower and the figure of 6 loans per book make the best of evidence in statistics of the need of the branch in the community and of the success with which the need has been met. The non-fiction percentage of 30 is very gratifying for the first year.

The Branch contains now 4,474 books, of which 1,259 were added during the year. The juvenile department has been emphasized, and a large use has been made of it. With 1,206 books suitable for use of the children it is interesting to compare the juvenile circulation of 14,229 books with the adult circulation of 13,879. Special attention was given to a restricted series of stories to the children, and the total attendance of 675 indicated its popularity and value.

Excellent work was accomplished in the reference department, made possible by an unusually good collection of bound magazines and the timely purchase of needed reference books.

The credit for the attractive appearance of the building from within and without, for the practical ideas in the interior arrangement and the successful operation of the Library itself is due entirely to the untiring efforts of the former Librarian.

Lest We Forget. The future is always full of anticipation and glad hope. The coming year will hardly be otherwise than one of greater growth and usefulness. However well the work of the present may be done the needs of the future cannot be overlooked. It will be a pleasure to face them immediately with the assurance that they will be successfully met with little delay.

The usual need of the Library is that of more books per inhabitant, and this will be especially felt in the next year at Washington Park Branch, but the special need at present is the strengthening of the Main Library and a concentration of the work there. The need of larger quarters for the reference department is imperative and increased seating capacity in the children's department will soon be in demand. A change from delivery stations to deposit stations will be welcomed in the future by both patrons and Library.

Lest we forget the greatest need of all we hasten to mention the impossibility of being the greatest benefit to this community with only the very minimum amount of money permitted by the charter that is allotted to the Library Department in the annual apportionment, and to invite a comparison of this amount with similar funds in progressive cities of the same class as St. Joseph. What other public institution in St. Joseph, or in any city, exerts greater efforts to better and enlarge its work, widen its influence and increase its value to the entire city than that of the Public Library?

It is a pleasure to acknowledge the fine spirit of co-operation and the support of all the members of the Board of Directors and the Library Staff, realizing that their never-failing interest, help and consideration has been unusual in degree and quality.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES E. RUSH.
Librarian.

Financial Statement

Receipts

City apportionment	$ 20,037.35
Library collections	1,774.52
Special account	1,059.19
Total	$22,871.06

Expenditures

Books	$ 3,796.26
Periodicals	790.15
Binding	1,358.82
Salaries	10,852.93
Janitor service	1,438.78
Heat	630.61
Light	231.99
Furniture	410.15
Printing and stationery	384.80
Miscellaneous	963.86
Balance appropriated for books	2,012.71
Total	$22,871.06

Building Fund

Washington Park Branch

Received from subscription	$ 2,641.50
Received from Andrew Carnegie	25,000.00
Total	$27,641.50
Expended by order of Board	27,348.43
Balance appropriated for books	$ 293.07

These tables have been condensed from the extended reports, verified by affidavits, of the Treasurer and Librarian now on file in the office of the City Auditor.

Board of Library Directors

James H. McCord ..... Term expires 1911
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J. W. Atwill ..... Term Expires 1912
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Rt. Rev. Maurice F. Burke ..... Term expires 1912
Charles P. Cargill ..... Term expires 1913
Henry Krug, Jr. ..... Term expires 1913
Rev. Henry Bullard ..... Term expires 1913

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Vice-President ..... James H. McCord
Secretary-Treasurer ..... Charles A. Pfeiffer
Assistant Secretary ..... Charles E. Rush

Standing Committees

Library ..... Messrs. McCord, Bullard, Atwill
Administration ..... Messrs. Cargill, Pfeiffer, Bernstein
Building and Grounds ..... Messrs. Penney, Burke, Krug
Finance ..... Messrs. Pfeiffer, Cargill, Penney
By-laws ..... Messrs. Bernstein, Burke, Krug

Library Staff

Charles E. Rush ..... Librarian
Lulu C. Senter ..... Assistant Librarian
Clara B. Davis ..... Stenographer
Eudora L. Martin ..... Chief, Classification Department
Lilian C. Kerr ..... Chief, Reference Department
Mary L. Reichert ..... Chief, Catalogue Department
Jessie M. Gibson ..... Chief, Accession Department
Bessie L. McCoy ..... Chief, Children's Department
Elizabeth Hull ..... Assistant, Children's Department
Glen Files ..... Page, Children's Department
Jennie K. Willson ..... Chief, Loan Department
Joseph Mann ..... Assistant, Loan Department
Emma Bock ..... Assistant, Loan Department
Marjorie Adriance ..... Assistant, Loan Department
May Guymon ..... Page, Loan Department
Herbert Campbell ..... Messenger, Loan Department
Louise Randall ..... Librarian, Carnegie Branch
Anise Sandford ..... Librarian, Washington Park Branch
Martha Brown ..... Assistant, Washington Park Branch
Elizabeth Eckel ..... Apprentice
Helen Pfeiffer ..... Apprentice
Mabel Hull ..... Apprentice
Louise Floyd ..... Apprentice
Rose Nash ..... Apprentice

City of Saint Joseph

Founded by Joseph Robidoux	1826
First known as "Blacksnake Hills," later as "Robidoux's Landing" (christened by Robidoux from his patron saint, St. Joseph)	
Famous Pony Express from St. Joseph to Sacramento	1860
Incorporated as a village	1843
Incorporated as a city	1851
Population (1860)	8,932
Population (1910)	77,403
Area of city in square miles	43
Assessed valuation of property	$32,490,[illegible]
Bonded indebtedness	$1,230,[illegible]
Sinking fund	$14,[illegible]
Net debt	$1,[illegible]
Cash disbursements	$[illegible],407
Main Library (built by School District), erected	1903
Carnegie Branch (given by Andrew Carnegie), erected	1905
Washington Park Branch (given by Andrew Carnegie), erected	1910
Number of volumes in Library, May, 1911	67,[illegible]
Number of volumes lent for home use, 1910-11	[illegible],475
Circulation of books per capita	2.97
Total number of registered borrowers	11,371
Average loan for each book	[illegible]
City appropriation for the Library, 1910-11	$21,000

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St. Joseph, Missouri

1911-1912

SUGGESTIONS

The Library is open to all for reading and reference use within the building. Any resident of St. Joseph may borrow books for home reading after signing an application and being identified.

The signature of a guarantor is no longer required for persons of more than 18 years of age. Non-residents may take books from the Library on payment of three dollars per year and temporary residents may enjoy all the privileges on payment of 25 cents per month.

Two books or more may be borrowed at one time and most of them may be kept two weeks. All the book shelves are open to everyone and a free examination and selection of all special classes of books is welcomed. The card catalogue indexes up to date the entire contents of the Library. It is alphabetical in form and is as easily used as an encyclopedia.

The Librarian and his assistants are ready at all times to assist readers in using the catalogues, understanding the arrangement of shelving and finding material desired.

HOURS OF OPENING

CENTRAL LIBRARY

Tenth and Felix Streets
Loan, Reference and Reading Departments

Week days .....9 a. m. to 9 p. m
Sundays .....2 p. m. to 6 p. m
Books are not loaned for home reading on Sundays.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

School days .....1 p. m. to 6 p. m.
Saturdays and vacations .....9 a. m. to 6 p. m
Closed on Sundays.

BRANCH LIBRARIES

Carnegie Branch .....Massachusetts Ave. and Carnegie St.
Washington Park Branch.....Washington Ave. and Third St.
Open on Monday, Friday and Saturday.....10 a. m. to 9 p. m.
Tuesday and Thursday .....10 a. m. to 6:30 p. m.
Wednesday .....12 noon to 9 p. m.
Sunday .....2 p. m. to 6 p. m.

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For the Year Ending
April 30, 1912

St. Joseph, Missouri
MAY, 1912

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of the

PUBLIC LIBRARY OF ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI

May 1, 1911 to April 30, 1912

OFFICERS

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Terms expire 1914

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Finance ..... Directors Pfeiffer, Cargill, Penney
By-Laws ..... Directors Bernstein, Burke, Motter
Carnegie Branch ..... Directors Burke, Pfeiffer, Krug
Washington Park Branch ..... Directors Krug, Penney, Cargill

†Appointed to fill unexpired term of Rev. Henry Bullard, deceased.
*Succeeded April 15, 1912, by Morte H. Craig.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES IN ST. JOSEPH

The twenty-second fiscal year of this Library, closing on the 30th of April, has been full of interesting changes and increasing results. The Board of Directors and the Library Staff have been gratified by the interest which the people of St. Joseph have shown their Library and the support which they have given it. In the years that are to come this interest and support will be of increasing value in meeting the pressing and necessary needs of the Library department of the municipality. For several years this Library has been a popular institution with the people of the City of St. Joseph and these people have become pretty well informed as to its foundation, support and advantages. Throughout the country the St. Joseph Public Library has gained the reputation of a well advertised library, paying particular attention to industrial classes of books and maintaining a well equipped Branch Library in a stock yards and industrial district. The new Washington Park Branch Library in North St. Joseph with its model, up-to-date and economical equipment has added materially to the fame of the city and its Library. This reputation should be thoroughly appreciated by the city and should furthermore be properly sustained and promoted in every possible way.

A greater and better service has and always will be the chief aim of those concerned with the development of this Library. The following report records concisely a few of the changes and improvements made during the year which have brought about increased growth, more efficient service and much greater satisfaction on the part of Library patrons. Every department shows an increase ranging from 10 to 140 per cent and for several months past the circulation of home-read books has been increasing at the rate of more than 5,700 books per month. It will probably be impossible to maintain this rate under present conditions, but with the proper equipment and a Central Library building sufficient in size and adaptability this rate of increased service could be doubled and be easily maintained for many years to come. If this Library is to retain its present standing and efficiency, both here and elsewhere, the citizens of St. Joseph must relieve the pressing need by either enlarging its present central building (built and largely maintained by the school district) or by erecting a new Central Library building fully adequate to furnish the proper

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More than 13,500 people are enrolled as regular patrons of the Library. Does that list include all the reading members of your family?

service to the city and to care for the many phases of Library work which cannot now be undertaken. The present Central Library building offers for Library use only one book stack room, three small reading rooms and three very small work rooms. The Children's Room is entirely too small and inadequate, seating only 30 children at one time, where there is need for more than 150 seats. A lack of space is a limitation which should be easily overcome in the face of such tremendous educational opportunities.

St. Joseph is undoubtedly entering a new era in its social and industrial development. The Library is striving to be of the greatest possible use in this awakening. It is making a special effort to be prepared with up-to-date material on all of the things of interest within the city and whatever material it does not have will be secured, if possible, upon recommendation.

The cost of administration and the support of the Library must necessarily increase as the Library grows in size and usefulness. Larger orders of new books must be made to support the increased needs of the patrons, old books wearing out far more rapidly must be replaced, more and better service must be supplied by the members of the staff, and in every department a greater expenditure for miscellaneous supplies is made necessary. If the city desires to see its Library continue as a progressive institution serving the citizens with the efficiency equal to that maintained by other Libraries similar in size, it must support and maintain the Library with a larger annual appropriation. Many other Libraries in the same class with St. Joseph, having fewer branches and performing less service, receive much greater and far more adequate financial support. To Librarians generally it seems somewhat miraculous for St. Joseph to maintain a Central Library and two well equipped Branches on an income of only $21,000 a year. Emphasis should be placed upon the fact that this figure is simply the very minimum amount which the city charter permits the City Council to appropriate for the support of the Library.

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors held on May 18, 1911, appropriate resolutions were drawn up on the death of Rev. Henry Bullard, member of the Library Board for nine years and at one time its president. Mayor A. P. Clayton appointed Mr. Samuel I. Motter to fill the unexpired term.

The following table contains a few interesting figures which demonstrate the growth of this Library during the past year. The

Suggestions of books for purchase will be gladly received.

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increase in total and per capita circulation and the results at Carnegie Branch are statistics which should be particularly noticed.

Number of Branches	2
Number of Deposit Stations	5
Number of Delivery Stations	2
Number of School Stations	5
Number of Classroom Collections	200
Population of St. Joseph	77,403
Tax income per capita in cents	.26
Total number of volumes, April 30, 1912	62,052
Number of new books added during the year	5,731
Volumes in Library per capita	.80
Total circulation of books for home use	299,088
Increase in circulation over previous year	68,613
Per cent of increase in circulation	22.94
Circulation per capita	3.86
Percentage of total fiction circulated	70
Total number of registered borrowers	13,503
Increase in number of borrowers	2,132
Per cent of population as borrowers	17
Total circulation at Carnegie Branch	38,707
Increase in circulation at Carnegie Branch	15,219
Per cent of increase at Carnegie Branch	39
Circulation per borrower at Carnegie Branch	21.20
Average loan of each book at Carnegie Branch	4.6
Total circulation at Washington Park	41,931
Increase in circulation at Washington Park	8,900
Circulation per borrower at Washington Park	19.41
Average loan of each book at Washington Park	7.9

The total circulation of books loaned from the three Libraries amounted to 299,088, an increase over last year's results of 68,613, or 22.94 per cent. The circulation of books of fiction naturally constitutes the larger part of this increase; however, every department of non-fiction indicates a large increase in use of books within and without the building, amounting to an increase total of 13,914 volumes. The month of March was again by far the busiest month and the results were almost double of those in September. The circulation of supplementary reading books owned by the School District and circulated by the Library, amounted to 24,317. School Deposit Stations were separate from this collection

The Library is well prepared to furnish ideas from the experiences of other cities in civic activities. Ask for the new civic list.

Special messengers will deliver or call for your books at very reasonable rates.

and their use showed a tremendous increase of 7,377 books. It is interesting to note that the non-fiction department which showed the greatest use for the year at the Central Library was general literature, while at Carnegie Branch it was travel and at Washington Park Branch history headed the list.

The three Libraries now contain 62,052 volumes, of which 5,731 were new books added during the year. Books which were worn out, lost and withdrawn amounted to 988, making a net gain of 4,743. The number of volumes in the school supplementary reading collection, formerly counted in the total number of volumes in the Library but no longer considered as Library property, amounted to 10,383.

Annotated reading lists of new books were printed and distributed each week. Permanent files of these lists are kept at the Loan Desks in loose leaf binders. A new and liberal teacher's card was issued for all teachers; telephones for the use of the public were installed in the Loan Department, and messenger service for the delivery or collection of Library books subject to the order of patrons was arranged at a very reasonable charge. The Library Training Class closed on the 5th of May with five apprentices successfully completing the course, three of whom were appointed to the staff, two having entered the Wisconsin Library School for continued instruction.

A prominent and generous business man of St. Joseph provided the Library with sufficient means to establish two "Little Brother Libraries" for the use and pleasure of crippled and shut-in children. The collections were made up of carefully selected favorites in fine editions and now circulate in special boxes from house to house for periods of four weeks.

Several new advertising features were used to exploit the Library resources. A local moving picture theatre kindly exhibited a specially prepared lantern slide showing at each performance photographic reproductions of the Library buildings, together with the following note, "Your Free Public Library has arranged with this management to select interesting books and magazine articles upon the historical, literary and industrial subjects

Business men are beginning to realize that a modern Library is a Bureau of Information.

Can any memorial be greater than a gift to the community of an institution for the good of all?

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treated in these pictures. It is a bright idea to see something good and then learn more about it." The local press was particularly courteous in the space given to Library news. A poster reprint of the "Health Alphabet" by a Chicago tuberculosis nurse was distributed in the various upper grades of all the school buildings. Artistic circulars concerning the Washington Park Branch were distributed in packages purchased in stores by citizens in North St. Joseph. Attractive posters emphasizing the opportunities of Library study and reading were placed in stations, hotels, club rooms and factories.

In March it was deemed wise by the Board of Directors to discontinue the circulation of home-read books on Sunday and also to close the juvenile departments on the same day in all of the Libraries. These changes became necessary due to the increased use of books and in order to provide better service to patrons throughout the week. Statistics do not indicate any loss due to these changes.

In February an additional Deposit Station was established in the Hansen Heights district at Pierce's Drug Store. The collection contains 200 popular books and new books are added twice a month. The location of other deposit stations is under consideration, the change from delivery to deposit stations being fully appreciated by patrons.

Traveling libraries in special boxes, each containing about 25 popular books, were placed in three of the wholesale houses and factories in the city for the special use of employed women. Local arrangements for supervision of the collections were secured through the co-operation of the local Y. W. C. A.

An exhibition of the work of the Inland Printer Technical School was displayed in November and in December the usual exhibition of children's books recommended for purchase as holiday presents was held. Other exhibits, such as good commercial and writing papers, garden seeds and catalogues, exhibit of the U. S. Forestry department, etc., were also held.

The Library is now on the mailing list of more than 300 civic. social, health, charity, municipal, educational and commercial associations, societies and clubs, and through these sources a large amount of up-to-date, authoritative and scarce pamphlet material has been

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It is a kind and neighborly act to tell others how they can increase their earning power and joy in life without farther expense.

Your Public Library is endeavoring under very limited means to do its part in making its resources accessible to everyone.

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collected. These pamphlets are filed upon receipt by subject and are later bound in permanent form.

Considerable progress was made in the preparation for a large circulating collection of loose and mounted pictures to be used in school, reference and club work.

In the organization of the Board of Directors the new office of second vice-president was created and special committees on the Washington Park Branch and Carnegie Branch were appointed. The Library was represented at the annual meeting of the Missouri Library Association held at Hannibal in October by three representatives and by one representative at the dedication in January of the new Central Library building at St. Louis.

Library of Congress cards were used in cataloging during the past year to a larger extent than ever before and many more typewritten cards were made for the foreign and juvenile books than in years past. Owing to pressure of current work but little progress was made in the recataloging of the older books.

In September an additional room was equipped for the Reference Department, where most of the Reference Collection is now shelved. The work in this department increased rapidly during the winter, resulting in the necessity to provide an additional assistant The new pamphlet collection, the special college collection, large and important additions and larger quarters added materially to the resources of the department.

The Juvenile Department of the Central Library closed the year with an increase in total circulation of 6,580 books, and a 6 per cent increase in the use of non-fiction. More than 1,000 books were sent out in the school stations and the result of nearly 1,000 volumes as an average monthly circulation was most encouraging. The closing of this department on Sundays made no apparent decrease in the circulation statistics

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Practical ideas for your work or profession, recreation and hobby are on tap in the Library for your use.

The Library is not only a storehouse for the records of the past, but it is a storehouse of new ideas for immediate and future use.

The growth of the work with the children continues to emphasize the sore need of larger quarters.

The tenth annual report of Carnegie Branch showing 8,365 volumes in stock, a registration list of 1,822 borrowers and a circulation of 38,707 home-read books indicates an unusual growth. The total increase in circulation for the year was 15,219 volumes or 39 per cent. New books numbering 613 were added and 866 new patrons were enrolled. It is of interest to compare the 56 per cent of fiction issued in the juvenile department with the 71 per cent of fiction circulated from the adult department. The Story Hour was featured during the months of January and February, having an average attendance of 65 children.

Washington Park Branch in closing its first report covering an entire fiscal year records a total circulation of 41,931, an increase of 8,900 volumes over those issued in the corresponding months of the previous year. This increase is sufficient proof of a splendid year's work for the new Branch. Eight hundred and fifty-seven new readers' cards were issued, making a total of 2,160 registered borrowers. and 817 new volumes were added to the total collection of 5,291 books. The Arabian Nights were made a special feature during the Story Hour season, being told very successfully to 1,180 children.

From out-of-town friends and friends within the city the Library received a large number of valuable gifts of books. The most noteworthy gift was that of the remaining collection of 61 volumes of the Library of the old "St. Joseph Institute," which was presented by Miss Lilian C. Kerr.

The Board of Directors accepted, with much regret, the voluntary resignations of Miss Lilian C. Kerr, Reference Librarian, and Miss Marjorie Adriance, assistant in the Loan Department. Miss Kerr's long service within the Library was of a marked order of faithfulness, interest and ability. Several transfers of assistants to various positions were made to cover vacancies and difficult situations, and for the loyal co-operation and support shown by all members of the staff at these and all times, the Librarian is deeply grateful. It is a rare pleasure to work in the midst of an esprit de corps so genuine and never-failing as exists in this Library. Grateful acknowledgment

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The Library is the greatest institution in St. Joseph for the continuous education of adults and is second only to the schools in the education of children.

We are sometimes asked this question, "Why strive so hard to better and enlarge the methods, work and influence of the Library?"

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is also due to Miss Olive Rush for the pen and ink sketches used in this and the preceding report.

The Librarian and all the staff desire to express their sincere appreciation of the unusual interest and consideration manifested in their welfare by the Board of Directors and for the many courtesies extended to them by patrons of the Library.

CHARLES E. RUSH,
Librarian.

The above report, together with detailed statistical tables of records and accounts, was submitted May 9, 1912, to the Board of Library Directors for official approval, and later transmitted to the Honorable Mayor and Common Council of St. Joseph by the President of the Board, J. W. Atwill.

It is our aim to make this the best Public Library of its size in the United States. With sufficient support this ambition can be realized.

Why do some people neglect their money invested in their Public Libraries? Usually they are not so negligent in other investments.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Condensed from extended reports, verified by affidavits, of the Treasurer and Librarian now on file in the office of the City Auditor.

RECEIPTS

City apportionment	$20,880.63
Library collections	1,120.00
Special accounts	2,348.56
Total	$24,349.19

EXPENDITURES

Books	$ 4,949.68
Periodicals	988.65
Binding	1,242.98
Salaries	11,025.90
Janitor service	1,931.35
Heat	672.62
Light	257.31
Furniture	129.60
Printing and stationery	280.97
Miscellaneous	970.26
Balance appropriated for books	1,899.87
Total	$24,349.19

The three Libraries are supported entirely by the taxpayers of St. Joseph through the annual apportionment from the city tax collections made by the Common Council.

A book unused is of little value to anyone. The right book in the hands of the right man may be of untold value.

ORGANIZATION OF THE LIBRARY STAFF

Charles E. Rush ..... Librarian
Lulu C. Senter ..... Assistant Librarian
Emma Bock ..... Assistant Loan Department
Martha Brown ..... Assistant Washington Park Branch
Clara B. Davis ..... Librarian's Secretary
Louise Floyd ..... Assistant Loan Department
Jessie M. Gibson ..... Chief, Accession Department
May Guymon ..... Page, Loan Department
Elizabeth Hull ..... Assistant, Reference Department
Mabel Hull ..... Assistant, Catalogue Department
Lawson Kinney ..... Messenger, Loan Department
Ruth Lowary ..... Page, Children's Department
Bessie L. McCoy ..... Chief, Children's Department
Joseph Mann ..... Chief, Deposit Stations
Eudora L. Martin ..... Chief, Classification Department
Rose Nash ..... General Supply Assistant
Louise Randall ..... Librarian, Carnegie Branch
Mary L. Reichert ..... Chief, Catalogue Department
Anise Sandford ..... Librarian, Washington Park Branch
Jennie K. Willson ..... Chief, Loan Department

Visitors and temporary residents are always welcome within the walls of all Public Libraries.

"None suffer so much as they who endeavor to conc
necessities."

SPECIAL READING.

The majority of us resolve now and then to do some spe
ing upon the subject of our own particular work or deare
However, after the inspiration has passed by we generally fo
good resolve, or act regretfully and indifferently toward it.
tle reader will likely make note of the following suggestion,
directly intended for him.

If you are interested in any particular subject and des
form yourself more fully about it, simply fill out the for
follows and send it by mail to the Reference Librarian of St
Missouri. The assistants in the Reference Department will
glad to prepare a reading list for you, recommending the
which you may wisely read the material, and notify you w
ready for your use. If requested they will send it to your a
a special messenger.

Increase Your Knowledge, Efficiency, Earning
Power and Joy In Life.

COURSE IN READING

I desire to pursue a course of reading on the subject of

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In my study of the subject I have read the following books

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I ask that the Library make out a list of recommended books to be read in a systematic order

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Name_____

Address_____

Telephone_____

The Public Library of St. Joseph, Missouri.

ANOTHER SUGGESTION

Your Public Library is maintained by and for the use of all the people in this community. It is a thoroughly democratic institution and all residents of St. Joseph are entitled to all of its advantages. Public service in the dissemination of knowledge is the sole purpose of the Library and the Board of Directors and the Library Staff endeavor at all times to widen the scope and increase the influence of this service.

If you are a patron of the Library and find its work and efforts worth while, why not mention this to your friends and neighbors? It is a pleasure to tell another of an opportunity. It is a civic duty to help increase the use and reputation of your public institutions.

Urge your friends to secure Library cards and tell them that the new rules are as liberal and inconspicuous as possible. Make use of this perforated sheet to send us the names of persons who may be interested in becoming Library patrons.

PROSPECTIVE LIBRARY PATRONS

NAME	ADDRESS

MEMORIAL COLLECTIONS OF BOOKS

"The Board of Directors of the St. Joseph Public Library desire to bring to the attention of the people of St. Joseph the opportunity of presenting memorial collections of books to the Library.

"Any one wishing to honor and perpetuate the memory of a deceased friend may do so by presenting to the Library any number of books, from a single volume to a complete collection on some special subject. In each volume will be placed a memorial bookplate bearing his name in whose memory the book is given, and the name of the donor, unless it is preferred that the latter be omitted. Letters will also be sent to the bereaved family notifying them of the gift.

"The gift may be made to any department or branch of the Library preferred, and the Librarian and his staff will gladly give advice and assistance in the selection and purchase of the books.

"The flower fades and withers; the picture is neglected and overlooked, but the book pored over and enduring spreads knowledge and contentment to all who read in the name of the loved one who has entered into the Eternal Beyond.

"Books are at once our masters and our servants. They have a silent independence, an unchanging voice, a calm declaration of truths as they will. But they are unobtrusive. They wait for our moods and leisure. They are never jealous if we neglect them, nor quarrelsome when we are familiar. They wait upon us in youth, manhood and old age with a vivacity that time never chills, and an instructiveness that repetition never wearies. Books gradually lose their inert and dead form and become to us like persons that have pulse and articulate voice. We feel more intimately acquainted with authors two hundred years dead than we do with our daily companions. A book is better for weariness than sleep—for cheerfulness, than wine. It is often a better physician than the doctor, a better preacher than the minister, a better sanctuary than a drowsy church."

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The Combs Printing Co.
Printers
St. Joseph, Mo.

WHEN I GROW UP

I shall continue to be proud that I live in these free United States of America and that it is my duty and privilege to be of all possible service to my country.

I shall be a good citizen, opposing all that is wrong and fighting for all good things that will make my country and city and home more beautiful and my countrymen better and happier.

I shall be strong and healthy and brave and true, for I know that success comes to those who have healthy bodies, active minds, strong characters and brave hearts.

I shall be happy, for I believe that happiness comes to those who make others happy.

I can learn a great deal more about patriotism, brave deeds, citizenship and great men at the Free Public Library of the City of St. Joseph, Missouri.

I quite agree with that fine old German who said "To will is to can."